A woman in a traditional Navajo dress is riding a white horse in a desert landscape. She is wearing a dark, full-skirted dress with a patterned sash and a white headband. The horse is white with a dark mane and tail. They are in a field of tall, dry grass. In the background, there are large, layered rock formations, possibly sandstone, with a prominent archway. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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Throughout the history of the United States, in each crisis or moment of peril, there have been strong men who spoke to their fellow countrymen, words of wisdom and strength and courage. These brave words through the years become watchwords of freedom.

We bring some of them to you here.

"Remember the Alamo!"

—Colonel Sidney Hillman

(This battle cry in 1836 spurred Sam Houston's men to completely defeat Santa Ana's Mexican Army at San Jacinto.)

"Give me liberty or give me death!"

—Patrick Henry

(This speech of Patrick Henry given March 23, 1775, in the Second Virginia Convention, fired the colonists and seemed to clear away any doubt or indecision they had about fighting for freedom and independence.)

"We hold these truths to be self-evident,—that all men are created equal: that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights: that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

—Thomas Jefferson

(These famous words from the Declaration of Independence are perhaps the greatest and most famous of all our watchwords of freedom.)

"The World must be made safe for democracy."

—Woodrow Wilson

(It was these brave words that made young men willing, even eager to fight in World War I.)

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

(There have been many times in our history during peacetime when we needed courageous words to help us over the rough spots. President Franklin D. Roosevelt did this many times. These words from his first inaugural address became a watchword to see us through grim depression days.)

"Remember Pearl Harbor!"

(This became the great battle slogan for World War II.)

"Liberty and union, now and forever, one and inseparable."

—Daniel Webster

(At a time when controversial issues threatened our existence as a nation, Webster's stirring speeches pointed the way to unity.)

"Taxation without representation is tyranny."

—James Otis

(These fiery words did much to encourage the American Colonists to declare their independence from the mother country, England. It was scrawled in mud and ink, paint and charcoal on fences, walls and public buildings as a constant reminder to all.)

"The heart of this nation is sound—the spirit of this nation is strong—the faith of this nation is eternal."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

(These words—in President Roosevelt's annual message to Congress in January, 1943, inspired a people at war to fight on for freedom and peace.)

"That this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

—Abraham Lincoln

(There have been many stirring words uttered through the years to drive men to fight. There have been others, like these of Lincoln at Gettysburg, that have inspired men to live together in peace.)

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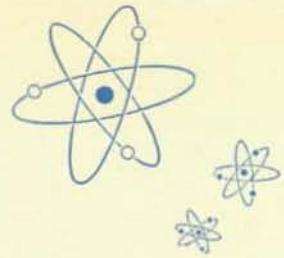
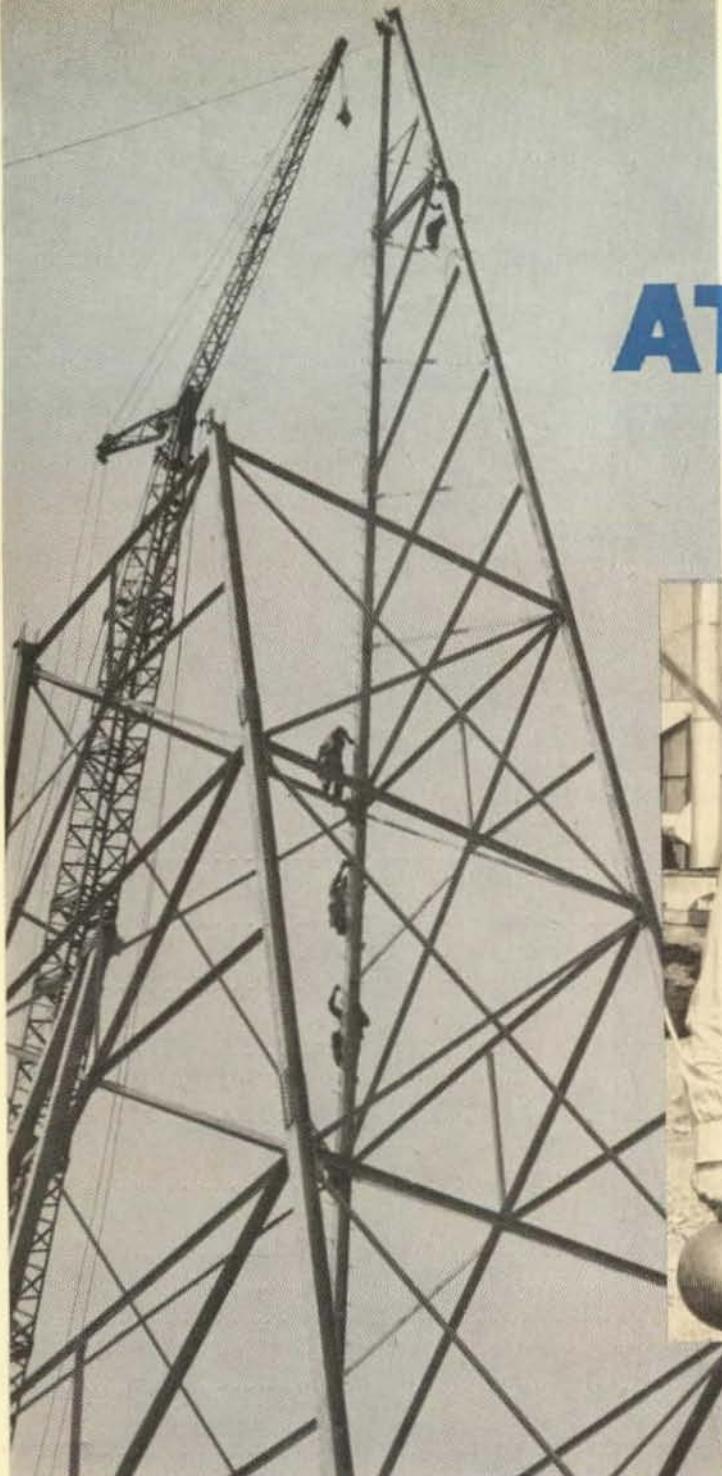
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# ATOMS for PEACE



Above: J. E. Gallagher, general superintendent, electrical construction, and Roderick Ellsworth, L.U. 5, electrical foreman at the project.

Left: L.U. 5 Linemen George Zeh, Bob Freeman, John Beatty and Orr Spears working on tower.

**J**UST 11 years ago, on Wednesday, August 6, 1945, an event occurred which will be recorded for all time in every history book that ever will be written. For on that day, the first atom bomb was dropped from a B-29 on the Japanese City of Hiroshima. Literally "all hell broke loose on earth" and a great city was left writhing in its death agony.

Almost 80,000 people—about a fourth of the population—had their lives blasted out by this most

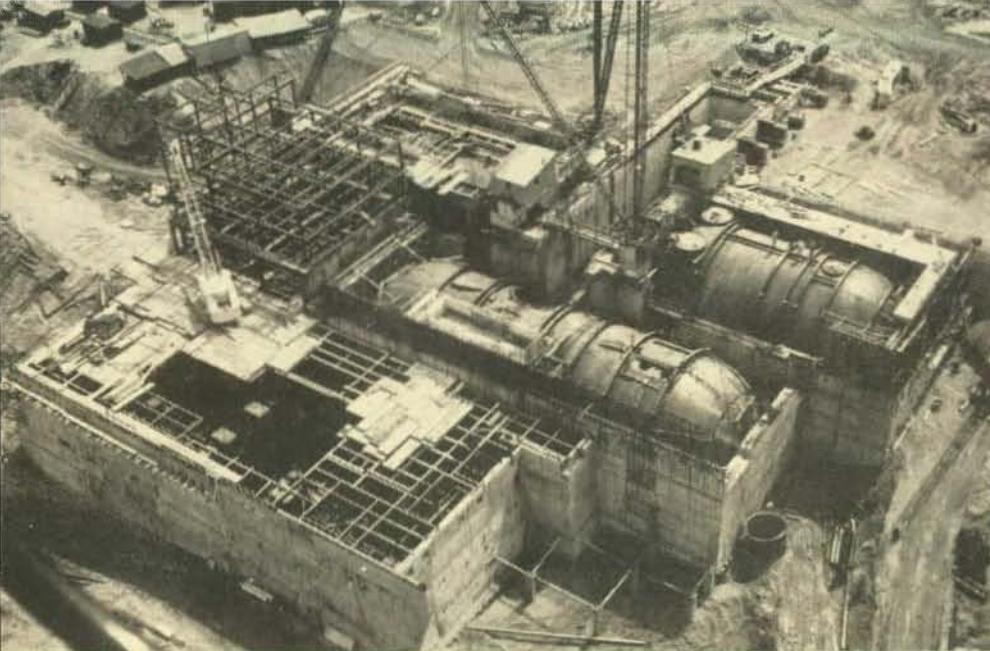
powerful and terrible of all inventions—but—eight days later the most devastating war in history was ended.

Such was the birth of the atomic age. It is tragic that it had to begin with pain and destruction.

However, the bomb's evil mushroom cloud had scarcely cleared away, when the United States began to make concrete plans for harnessing the atom's great power for peaceful use. Scientists and statesmen of our nation began to

visualize the tremendous benefits atomic energy might bring to power-starved areas of the world, and what blessings to medicine and industry. The President of the United States went before the United Nations Assembly in New York and set forth a plan of "Atoms for Peace," whereby all nations of the world might enjoy the tremendous blessings inherent in a peaceful program of atomic development.

Some times great programs turn



Construction of nation's first, full-scale atomic energy electric power facility moves ahead swiftly. To left and right of center crane are cylindrical plant containers for steam.

Below: Philip A. Fleger, chairman of the board, Duquesne, and John Gray, project manager, explain construction to President Gordon Freeman and Secretary Joseph Keenan.

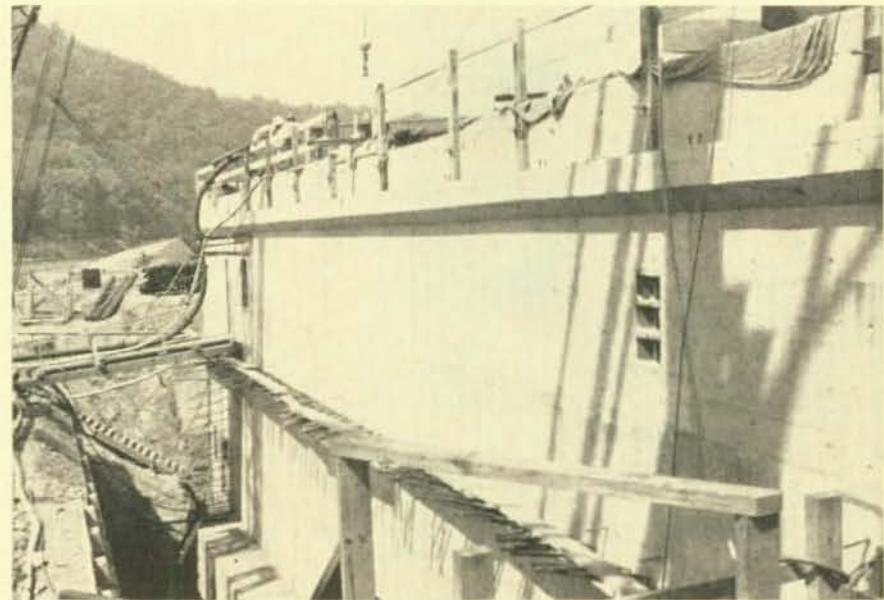
out to be mere conversation pieces, but Uncle Sam has done much more than just talk about bringing light and power to citizens of this country and others, and benefits in medicine and industry through nuclear fission.

However, the most important "deed" in a comprehensive program of words and deeds, took place on Labor Day of 1954. On that day the United States Government through the Atomic Energy Commission, together with the Duquesne Light Company of Pittsburgh, broke ground for the nation's first full-scale atomic electric plant.

It has been hard for some of the peoples of the world to forget that the United States was the first country to create and use the atomic bomb. The fact that the United States was also the first nation to erect an atomic plant for the purpose of creating electricity only, may go a long way toward wiping out the bomb memory.

Representatives from the IBEW recently went to Pittsburgh to meet with local union members and officials of the Duquesne Light Company, in order to get a first hand picture of what this atomic electric plant is and what it is expected to do.

The plant is located near Shippingport, Pennsylvania, on the Ohio River about 25 miles from Pittsburgh. It is being built right over a coal mine on a 400-acre site provided by the Duquesne Light Company.



This exterior view of construction shows heavy concrete shielding going up. Atomic plant is being built on 400-acre site over a coal mine.

In addition, the Duquesne Light Company contributed \$5,000,000 toward the cost of the nuclear portion of the plant, and will bear the entire cost of the power plant, equipment, buildings and other facilities.

The estimated cost of the nuclear portion of the plant is \$85,000,000 of which \$47,000,000 is for research and development and \$38,000,000 is for construction.

The plant is expected to go into operation in the fall of 1957, at which time it will produce a minimum of 60,000 kilowatts of electricity. However, the generator to be installed will have a capacity of 100,000 kilowatts, and generation may reach that figure.

Electricity produced will be fed into the Duquesne system for distribution to the greater Pittsburgh

area, and at the minimum capacity will supply the residential needs of 250,000 persons.

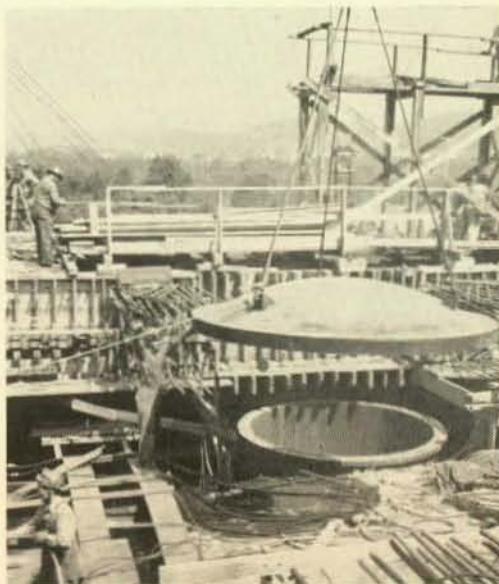
Westinghouse is building the nuclear reactor for the plant, under contract to the Atomic Energy Commission. Duquesne is building the turbine-generating part of the plant and will operate the plant when it is completed.

The nuclear reactor being built is the pressurized water type. Heat will be transferred from the reactor to the heat exchanger by pumping ordinary water (16,000 gallons) through the reactor under 2,000 pounds of pressure at 525 degrees Fahrenheit. This will produce steam at 600 pounds per square inch.

The fuel to be used in the reactor is enriched and natural uranium.

Our members will be interested

An expert crane operator and crew manipulate huge concrete cover into place over one of big containers.



International and local IBEW officers meet with officials of Duquesne Light Co. at luncheon. From left, first row: D. B. Perrin, Duquesne personnel relations manager; Martin J. Carney (148); Jim Meneilly (149); John M. Orr, Duquesne Director of Personnel; S. G. Page, Duquesne Labor Relations Manager; James A. Cole (149), and H. Briggs, Duquesne Publicity Director. Second row: I. R. Marie Downey; P. H. McCance, President, Duquesne Light Co.; President Gordon M. Freeman; Philip A. Fleger, Chairman of Board, Duquesne; Secretary Joseph D. Keenan; R. B. Donworth, Duquesne vice president for engineering and construction, and W. J. Lyman, vice president, Operations Division. Third row: Michael Namadan, business manager, LU 712; I. R. Ted Naughton; I. R. Andy Johnson; Thomas B. Day (140); I. R. R. W. McCambridge; James N. Flaig (142); C. M. Wachter (144); B. Christner, president, LU 712; G. M. Oldham, superintendent, Shippingport Atomic Power Station; John Gray, manager of atomic project, and Gene Weaver (147).

in some of the specifications for the reactor and its containers.

The core for the reactor will be a cylinder 6½ feet by 6 feet. The reactor pressure vessel will be 33 feet high and have a diameter of nine feet with walls eight inches thick. This vessel will weigh 250 tons. The reactor itself will contain 32 control rods.

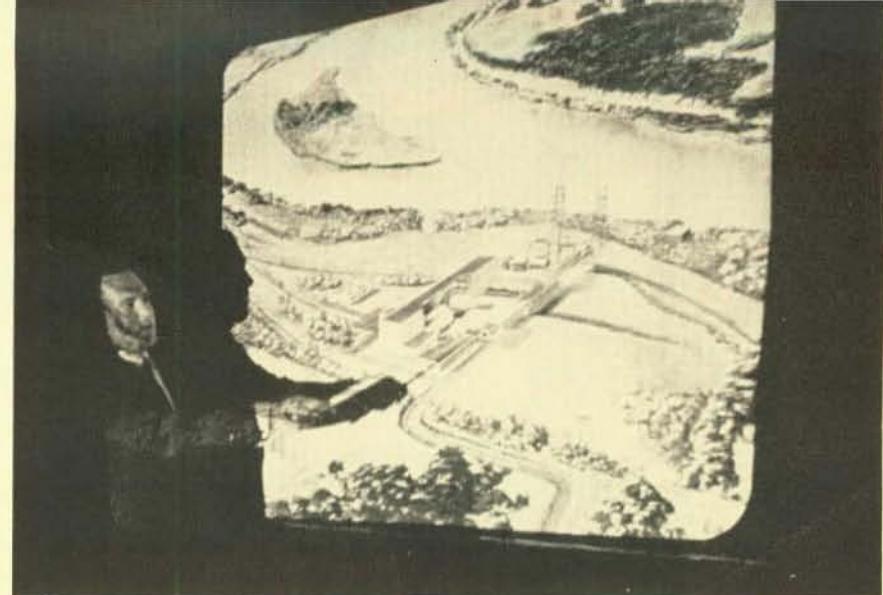
The container for the reactor and pressure vessel is spherical—38 feet in diameter. The two cylindrical containers for heat exchangers and steam generators are 50 feet in diameter and 100 feet long. A third cylindrical container, also 50 feet in diameter and containing auxiliary equipment, is 150 feet long. To complete the station, 5,700 tons of steel and 50,000 cubic yards of concrete will be required. A wall 5 feet thick will surround the plant containers.

Our members, particularly our utility members, are quite familiar with the equipment that is customarily installed in power plants. It may be news to them, however, to know that this plant will have remotely controlled equipment to handle radioactive materials; core handling facilities (for use in replacing the unit) which consist of a water-filled canal 43 feet deep, 22 feet wide and 110 feet long, covered by a large building, and a 125-ton crane.

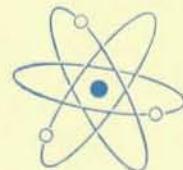
Insofar as the electric generating equipment for the plant is concerned, the design of the 100,000 kilowatt turbine generator being built by Westinghouse, is different from that in a conventional coal-fired plant.

The changes which are being made in it are due primarily to the fact that available steam pressure and temperatures are relatively low. The turbine is larger to accommodate increased steam volume. Moisture separators are necessary because a high percentage of steam will condense into water as the steam passes through the turbine. The steam condenser must be increased because it must handle 50 percent more exhaust steam.

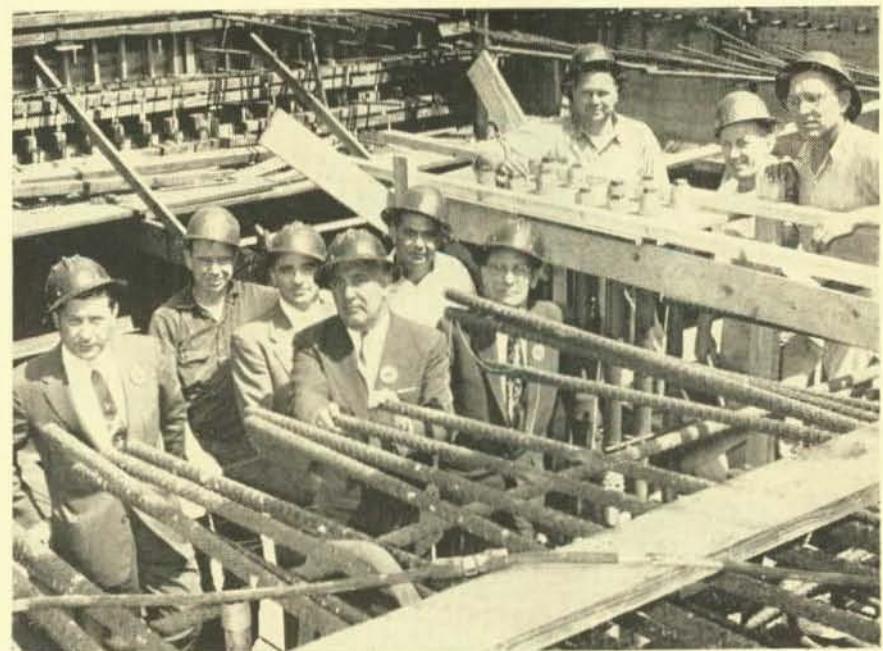
The turbine generator will operate in the open without walls or a roof, the first installation of this type in this part of the U. S.



At briefing for visitors, Project Manager John Gray reviews construction project with the aid of slides.



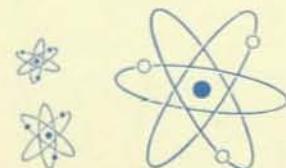
Groundman Paul Egliski (left) of LU 5 is seen at site where transmission towers are being erected.



Visitors pose with some of LU 712 electricians on the job. In photo are H. F. Miller, general foreman; Jack Bradley; John Penner; Claude Redeker; Nick Dickim; Michael Namadan, business manager, LU 712; Bud Christner, president, LU 712; Secretary Keenan and President Freeman.



Left: A worker steps cautiously around the gaping mouth of one of several giant containers being installed at atomic energy plant.



Below: Visitors assemble for a briefing before going on a conducted tour of construction area for nation's first such plant.

When your IBEW Representatives visited the plant in June, work had been going on for about two years, with approximately another year to go. It was interesting and even inspiring to see hundreds of union workmen from each of the building trades working together on the many parts which will go to make the all-important whole. It seemed to us a great tribute to the skill, training and know-how of American workmen, to observe so vast and intricate a project progressing smoothly, with cooperation the order of the day in all sectors.

We watched a crane operator and a crew expertly manipulate a huge concrete cover into exact alignment with its container and bolt it into place. There was not a lost motion.

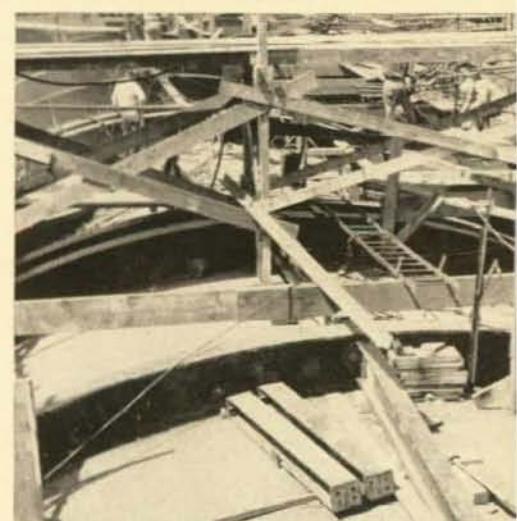
We took pride in our own workmen on the job. Local 712 of New Brighton, Pennsylvania is supplying the men for both Duquesne Light's part of the project—construction of the plant—and the A.E.C. reactor construction. When the electrical work is at its peak approximately 125 to 140 men will be at work on each. In addition men from L. U. 5, Pittsburgh were erecting the steel towers for the transmission lines from the plant now under construction.

A point of particular interest to all our members is the expected employment situation when this atomic plant and others like it become a going concern. Contrary to



the impression that some of our members may have, that atomic plants will cause unemployment, the opposite is the case. Insofar as operation is concerned, the atomic plant differs from the conventional steam plant only in its source of power, its fuel—in this case uranium instead of coal. The rest of the plant, its turbines, generators, etc., remain and require the same number of personnel to operate them. In addition, more employees are needed, because of the research and experiment and the safety factors involved. The Duquesne atomic plant, for example, when it goes into operation in 1957, will require about 130 people

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General view of construction work on the giant concrete container that will house reactor.



# THE FIGHT IS ON

ORGANIZED labor has done a pretty good job of demonstrating its strength in industrial areas and has little by little made its mark in getting better wages and conditions for all the working people it represents. The new organizing campaigns underway under the merged AFL-CIO show promise of being successful, too.

The anti-labor forces of our country are not taking this lying down. As Jim McDevitt, COPE Director, put it, "labor's opposition has moved into the legislative halls with a program that has proven much cheaper and more effective."

Yes, for several years now the enemies of organized labor have attempted (and have been successful in too many instances) to cripple labor by getting so-called "Right-to-Work" laws passed in the state legislatures. These vicious laws, far more stringent than Taft-Hartley, outlaw the union shop, organized labor's strongest aid. These laws have ham-strung labor in 18 states, and if a recession should set in, they could all but destroy it.

*(The 18 states which have adopted laws prohibiting union security provisions are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia.)*

The forces are constantly striving in all the other states, that have never had a "Right-to-Work" law, to get one foisted on the people. We hope that our

members are conscious of this and will fight with all their strength to resist, because once on the books, those laws are hard to get rid of. The union members of the State of Louisiana can vouch for that. The entire labor movement owes these brother and sister unionists a debt of gratitude for waging and winning the first battle for repeal of a "Right-to-Work" law and reducing the number of "Right-to-Work" states to 17. The unionists of the State of Louisiana really united in every sense of the word to carry on a registration and election campaign throughout the state. They concentrated on electing a legislature with members committed to support repeal. They formed a united labor organization to fight "Right-to-Work" in 1954 and they kept right on working until they elected the legislature which performed as promised in repeal of the "wreck" law. (We will give more details on this next month.)

For a while, it seemed as if the proponents of "Right-to-Work" had things all their own way. Laws were passed quickly before the working people of the states realized their full viciousness.

Now, the fight is on tooth and nail. A number of states are scheduled to handle "right-to-wreck" measures this year. The issue will be a hard-fought one in legislatures and in popular referendums.

Battles are on right now in the states of Montana, Indiana, Washington and California.

To the credit of all the union members aided by other liberal

forces in the State of Montana, the "wreck" law drive has been thoroughly smashed there. In that state the drive to secure 21,104 signatures to place the anti-labor proposal on the November ballot, was a complete "fizzle," as backers managed to file a mere 5,607 with the Secretary of State.

In the State of Washington, as your JOURNAL went to press, the issue was still in doubt. Signatures numbering 50,000 were needed by supporters of the "Right-to-Work" law to secure a place on the ballot in November. On the last day for filing the petition, July 6, 63,000 names had been filed. However, normally in cases like this about 15 percent of the names on such lists are ruled invalid. The Secretary of State said that it would take until the first of August to get all names checked, and at this writing AFL-CIO officials think there is a good possibility that the measure will not go on the ballot.

If the initiative should go on the ballot, there is good chance that it will be defeated, since Washington customarily has a million voters at the polls. The 63,000 signatures claimed by the "Right-to-Work" Committee is not a very impressive number in view of the million voters and also considering that the Committee boasted that it would get more than 200,000 signatures.

The fight is definitely on and it is good to see labor fighting back so effectively in Louisiana, Montana and Washington.

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# EDITORIAL

By GORDON M. FREEMAN, *Editor*

## **Same Old Attack**

Each election year brings with it the same old hackneyed attack on the Democratic party, that it is on the pink side, pro-Communist. To the credit of the majority of the Republican leaders, this sort of attack has been discredited. However, too many rank-and-file "Republicans," experiencing success with the "twenty-years of treason" which they tacked on to the Democratic party in the past, are once more, this election year 1956, up to their old mud-slinging tricks.

Unfortunately, the simple course chosen by many of our solid citizens, is just to be against anything the Communists are in favor of. Some apply this to the Democratic party in the face of the propaganda peddled by the GOP, that the Communists would like the victory to be Democratic in November.

This reasoning is all wrong. For if we are to be against *everything* the Communists are for, and for anything they are against, consistently, we'd be in some rather strange predicaments.

For example, during World War II, the Communists condemned any kind of work stoppage, because Russia needed the arms being produced to defend and attack. Does that mean then, that all loyal Americans should have gone on strike and advocated work stoppages? It does by this peculiar GOP logic. It would also mean that loyal Americans would have to condemn such things as public housing and be in favor of segregation, because of Russian thinking on these points.

It's a pretty ridiculous stand. And recently we've had a concrete demonstration of just how ridiculous it is. Republicans were surprised and incensed last week at the news report from London that Jacob Malik, the Soviet envoy to London, has come out with an "I like Ike" statement and hopes for his election.

That's a switch that has brought hot cries of "smear" from Republican Congressmen who didn't seem to mind at all when such "smears" were leveled at patriotic Americans who just happened to be Democrats.

The principal point we want to make here is simply this. Neither the Democratic or the Republican party can be labeled as anything but *anti-Communist*. And the sooner American voters realize this and attempt to make up their minds on real issues, not innuendoes, and vote for the men who will give performance in office in the best interests of all the people, the better government we will have.

## **Soviet Double Talk**

While we are speaking of Russia and Communist approval and disapproval of things American, this is a good time to speak of the latest evidence of Communist double talk.

In the new "sweetness and light" program recently promoted by the Kremlin, there is much talk of "better understanding" between Russia and the other countries. Soviet spokesmen have made an appeal for mutual understanding and good will among the peoples of the world. As the nation that fought for the United Nations, as the nation that carried out the Marshall Plan, the Russians could hardly find a more receptive body for such a program, than the United States. So, in a spirit of cooperation, President Eisenhower introduced a plan for increasing Soviet-American exchanges. And what happened? It met a harsh attack from Pravda.

This really is not surprising, however, to those who have come through bitter experience to know the reasoning of the Soviet leaders. They would like the United States and other countries to swallow "hook, line and sinker" their platitudes about better understanding and do nothing about it. For after all, it wouldn't do for the Russian people to find out that what they have learned about Americans and their standards of living is a pack of lies.

A recent issue of "Party Life," the Soviet Communist party magazine, devotes its lead article to the condition of the "average American worker." The article states that the average worker earns one-third less than he needs for minimum subsistence, and further comes through with the startling fact that workers in one American automobile plant are forced to work so hard and so fast that few last more than five years!

No, it wouldn't be well for the United States and other countries to practice what Russia preaches and let Russian people find out the truth. It wouldn't be good for the Kremlin, that is, but some day we hope and we trust it will come to pass and that the oppressed people of Russia will have the courage and strength to denounce their leadership and peacefully take their rightful place among the free nations of the world.

## **The Steel Strike**

Once more this nation is in the throes of a steel strike. Once more in too many sectors, the true facts in the case are not presented in the nation's news-

papers, and once more the strikers have received the traditional "black eye" for "demanding too much" and causing the strike.

The facts in the case are these. The rich steel companies which currently have been amassing the greatest profits in their history actually wanted this strike. Looking ahead, they could see that a strike would reduce the heavy inventories of automobile steel, creating an emergency demand. This in turn would enable the steel industry to obtain a price increase far in excess of the costs a new wage contract might impose.

With that ulterior motive then, the companies made the strike inevitable by presenting a contract proposal to the Steelworkers' union in the form of an ultimatum. The United Steelworkers earnestly tried to get the company to bargain in good faith. The union offered to extend its contracts to allow additional time for negotiations without a strike. The companies flatly refused.

The Steelworkers had no honorable choice but to strike. Actually the situation can hardly be considered a strike but a lockout.

It is hoped that the American people will come to know the truth in this case. We hope our own people will spread the facts to the general public in every way in which they are able.

The entire AFL-CIO has pledged its complete support to the Steelworkers in this struggle. Actually they are fighting a battle for the entire labor movement, for if the companies win this contest, the door will be open for many other powerful units in other industries to follow suit.

This is not just a fight—company and union. It's a vital attack on the nation's economy. If the American people only recognize this, they can choose no other course but to give full support to the striking workers.

## On Guard

Throughout our Brotherhood we have all kinds of Electrical Workers. A day spent visiting them in any typical city in the United States or Canada will find many hundreds of them wiring factories and schools and homes. Hundreds more may be turning out vital electrical parts on an assembly line. Still more will be found doing their work in radio-TV stations, in shipyards, on railroads—everywhere where there is an electrical job to be done.

But in every city there is still another group of Electrical Workers who usually go unheralded and unsung, and we want to pay tribute to them here as a vital, important part of our Brotherhood and its operations. We refer to the electricians "on guard," the maintenance men who work in small crews, and ones and twos in the industrial plants, apartment and office buildings, airports, theaters, etc., all over the nation. There are thousands of these competent workmen, loyal members of our Brotherhood, who stand "guard" over the channels of electricity and literally keep the wheels and machinery of progress going.

These men are a most essential part of the American and Canadian picture and they are a most important segment of our Brotherhood, and the labor movement in general, since they are in an excellent position to "sell" unionism to all with whom they come in contact. Many a factory has become organized through the efforts of an alert maintenance man. We acknowledge with thanks this service and the others which our maintenance men perform for us all, and urge our locals everywhere to help us to increase the number of these members of ours who are "on guard."

## The Union Label

We call the attention of all our readers to an important week in September. The dates September 3-9 have been set aside for the celebration of Union Label Week. Hundreds of local unions and state and central labor bodies throughout the country, will be marking this event with parades, picnics, label shows, fairs, etc. We hope that our IBEW members will be a part of these celebrations.

It is important now and then to reminisce a little—to think back to the early days of the labor movement when union members had little but courage and determination to sustain them. And the opposition—the firings, the blacklistings, were pretty fearful and hard to bear. It was the union label and the demand for union label goods that enabled many a struggling union to survive in the early days.

The labor movement has come a long way since the time when the first Labor Day was celebrated in 1882. But in many respects the same kind of opposition, the same dangers exist for labor unionists today. Today they take the form of "Right-to-Work" laws and steel lockouts. The time is right, then, for an earnest return to the principles of the old days when labor men and women demanded and got the union label on the goods they purchased.

## Life and Labor Unions

While we are referring to our labor unions and their struggles of the early days, we noted an interesting report issued by the Gerontological Society recently. This group is composed of doctors and scientists who specialize in the problems of old folks.

This society attributes the growing life span of the man of today, in no small part, to the "40-hour week and paid vacations. The old 60-to-70 hour work week, without paid vacations, permitted the body less time to rest, with the result that it wore out faster."

The good doctor who made this statement did not go on to say that organized labor is directly responsible for the 40-hour week and those paid vacations, but after all he was a scientist presenting direct causes and effects, not contributing causes.

But the fact remains and no scientist needs to point it out to us, that shorter hours and better working conditions came directly out of the blood and sweat and tears of labor unionists.

# I. B. E. W. IN BIGGEST TOURNAMENT



ACH year the annual IBEW Tournament grows bigger and better. It started in 1945 with a contest between the two cities of St. Louis and Milwaukee.

This year, Toledo, Ohio was host city to the Brotherhood keglers and Local Union 8, sponsor for the Twelfth Annual Tourney, the largest in our history.

There were 234 five-man teams entered, 582 doubles and 1,160 singles.

Headquarters for the bowlers was the Commodore Perry Hotel where Local 8 sponsored a welcoming reception on Friday evening May 4th.

The matches began early Satur-

day morning with Fourth District Vice President H. B. Blankenship, tossing down the first ball.

Teams from 12 states and Canada and representing 30 cities were present at the tournament. IBEW top bowlers — from Schenectady, New York; Beaver, Pennsylvania; Cincinnati, Ohio; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Akron, Ohio; East St. Louis, Illinois; Des Moines, Iowa; Miami, Florida; Louisville, Kentucky; Danville, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Hamilton, Ohio; Ashtabula, Ohio; Port Huron, Michigan; Toledo, Ohio; Detroit, Michigan; Buffalo, New York; Syracuse, New York; Dayton, Ohio; Rochester, New York; Elgin,

Illinois; Kansas City, Missouri; Chicago, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Warren, Ohio; Painesville, Ohio; Houston, Texas; Middleport, Ohio; and Windsor, Ontario—demonstrated some plain and fancy bowling to fellow bowlers and hundreds of visitors.

However, everybody is interested in the winners—those fellows who make the top. At our Tournament top honors for the team event went to the Krizsak Recreation Team from Local 39, Cleveland, Ohio, with a total pinfall of 3,128. Second place also went to a Local 39 team, Denison Gardens, with a score of 3,078.

The winners of first place in the doubles event were C. Benjamin and C. Yenrick of Local 245, Toledo, with a total of 1,350 pins. Second went to R. McCarthy and J. Malley of Chicago, Illinois with pins totalling 1,348.

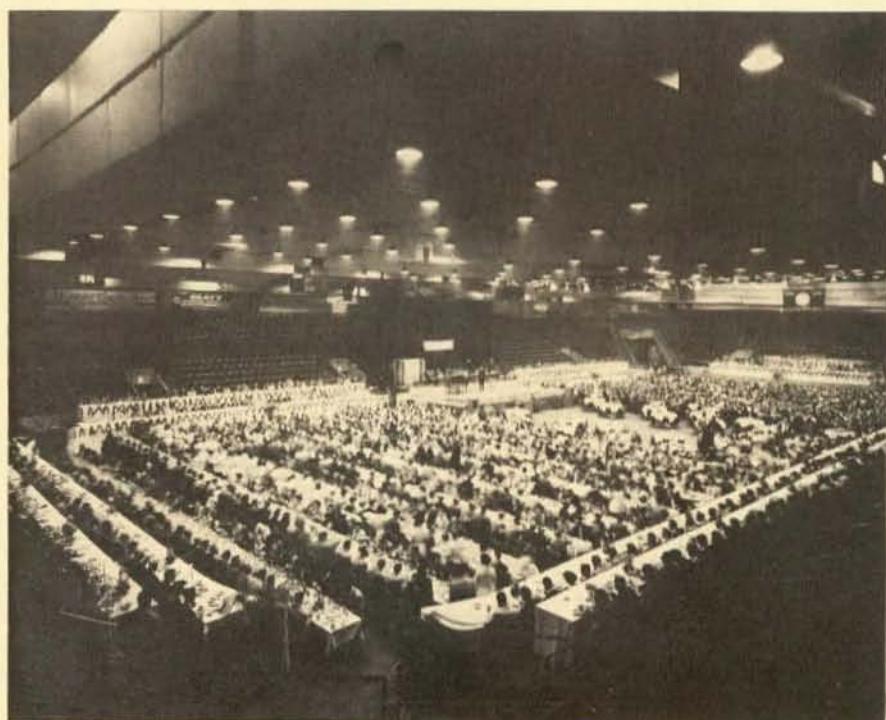
First place winner of the singles event was A. Cioffi of Cleveland with a 761 pinfall. Second place honors also went to a Cleveland man, G. Segerslund with a 735 total.

The IBEW Bowling Trophy presented in 1945 by former International President Ed. J. Brown, was won for the third time last year by L. U. 58, Detroit, which assumed permanent possession.

This year the new IBEW trophy pictured on these pages was presented by International President Gordon M. Freeman and International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan.

Regarding this trophy on which Local 39 of Cleveland's name will

L.U. 8 was host to 2000 at banquet and dance at Sports Arena during tourney.



be the first winner to be engraved, Brother Bill Conway, press secretary of L. U. 8 had this to say:

"This trophy which stands four feet high, is a masterpiece of the cabinet makers' art. It was the object of considerable attention and the subject of many camera studies by visiting bowlers."

Local Union 8 presented a splendid program of entertainment for visiting Brothers and their wives. More than 2,000 guests were entertained at a banquet, floor show and dance at the Sports Arena on Saturday night.

Brother Jimmie Burns, Jr., secretary for the Tournament, managed the bowling events, assisted by Brothers Len Schultz, Bud Managhan, Bob Leedy, Dick Christ, Bob Rutledge, Earl Roller, Roseoe Sampsell, Winnie Ellerton and Ed. Ayling.

Committee Chairman Marlow Bubb and his able assistants, Brothers John Holden, Frank Fischer, Chuck George, Don DeBolt, Jimmie Burns, Jr., Clair Seiple, Bill Conway, Fred Caulkins, Bob McKie, Joe Karpinski, Eddie Saulier, Bob Ello and Jack Ulery are to be congratulated on the great success of this Twelfth IBEW Bowling Tournament.

The following members of the ladies committee should also be commended for their cooperation and help: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Karpinski, Mrs. George, Mrs. Leedy, Mrs. Caulkins, Mrs. Ellerton, Mrs. Bubb, Mrs. DeBolt, Mrs. McKie and Mrs. Ulery.

Invaluable assistance was also rendered by Local 8's business manager, "Whitie" Bremer who placed the services of assistants, and office force and the use of office equipment at the disposal of the Tournament Committee.

The next IBEW Tournament will be held in Des Moines, Iowa with L. U. 347 as host.

We acknowledge with thanks the kind cooperation of Brother Bill Conway who supplied all information and pictures for this article.

This is the handsome IBEW trophy presented by President Gordon Freeman and Secretary Joseph Keenan.





## KNOW YOUR INTERNATIONAL STAFF



**MORRIS D. MURPHY**  
*Director, Telephone Operations*

Representative Morris D. Murphy, a member of L. U. 1566, Middletown, New York, is Director of Telephone Operations and organization for the Brotherhood. He has been engaged in telephone work and union organization since 1927. Prior to his staff appointment, January 1, 1955, Brother Murphy was Secretary-Treasurer of the Telephone Workers Union of New Jersey, an independent, now Local 827, IBEW.



**JOHN A. CAULLEY**  
*Telephone Operations*

While Brother John Caulley is a comparative newcomer to the I. O. staff, his experience in union work dates back some 10 years. Appointed an International Representative, June 1955, to assist Director Morris Murphy, Brother Caulley's particular efforts have been in organizing the Pennsylvania Telephone Workers. Brother Caulley is married and has one daughter, Sheila. His home local is 1566, Middletown, New York.



**GEORGE A. NORWICKE**  
*Telephone Operations*

Brother George Norwicke was formerly a union representative in the Telephone Workers Union of New Jersey, now a state-wide IBEW local union of Telephone Workers, L. U. 827.

A member of L. U. 1566, Middletown, N. Y., he was made an International Representative June 6, 1955 and assigned to aid Representative Morris Murphy in the telephone field. He is a Navy veteran of World War II.



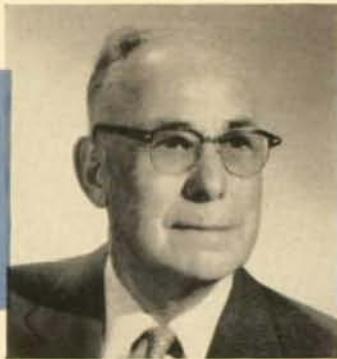
**W. EUGENE SAYERS**  
*Telephone Operations*

Brother Gene Sayers was initiated into L. U. 521, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1934. He served his local as business manager prior to his assignment as International Representative in July 1942. He was on general assignment in the Third District until appointed to assist in Telephone Operations in June 1955. Brother Sayers served as President of the Pennsylvania State Electrical Workers from 1938 to 1952.



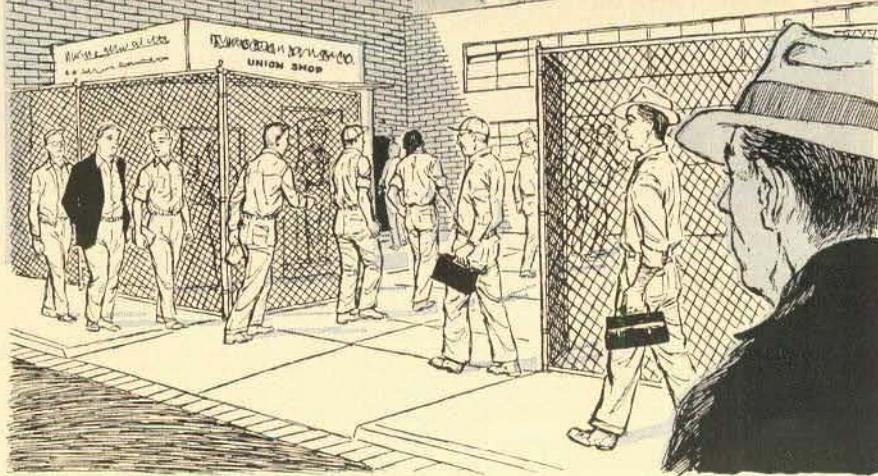
**J. E. THOMPSON**  
*Sixth District*

Brother Ed Thompson was initiated into L. U. 453 of Springfield, Missouri, August 12, 1934. He served as business manager of that local from 1936 to August 1945 when he was appointed to the staff. Brother Thompson has served in the I. O. and also in the Third, Fifth and Eleventh Districts. He was a founder of the Missouri State Conference of Electrical Workers.



**WILLIAM MYERS**  
*Seventh District*

Brother Bill Myers has been a member of the IBEW since May 1916 when he was initiated into L. U. 517 of Astoria, Oregon. He served that local as president and business manager before being appointed to the International Staff in June 1937, and assigned to the Ninth District. Brother Myers has had wide experience in servicing and organizing, in the utility, construction, maintenance and sign fields.



New York, International Shoe, Brown Shoe.

The United States Department of Labor made a study of companies with union security clauses in 1949-1950. A similar study made in 1954 shows that contracts with union-shop clauses jumped from 49 percent to 64 percent.

The AFL-CIO study pointed out two most significant points with regard to the continued growth in the number of union security

## Union Shop FORGES AHEAD !

IT IS significant and encouraging that in the past few years unions have forged ahead in obtaining union security clauses in their contracts, in spite of "right-to-work" laws in 17 states prohibiting such clauses. (*Louisiana, the 18th state with such a law, recently repealed it.*)

The AFL-CIO Department of Research recently made a study of this subject and published its findings in its "Collective Bargaining Report" for June.

The Department's findings prove that most employers have been agreeing to provisions requiring union membership, even though many of their business spokesmen have been hostile to union security agreements. While many big business men have poured their energy and resources into campaigns to get "right-to-work" legislation banning the union shop passed, more than 80 percent of the employers dealing with unions have signed union shop agreements.

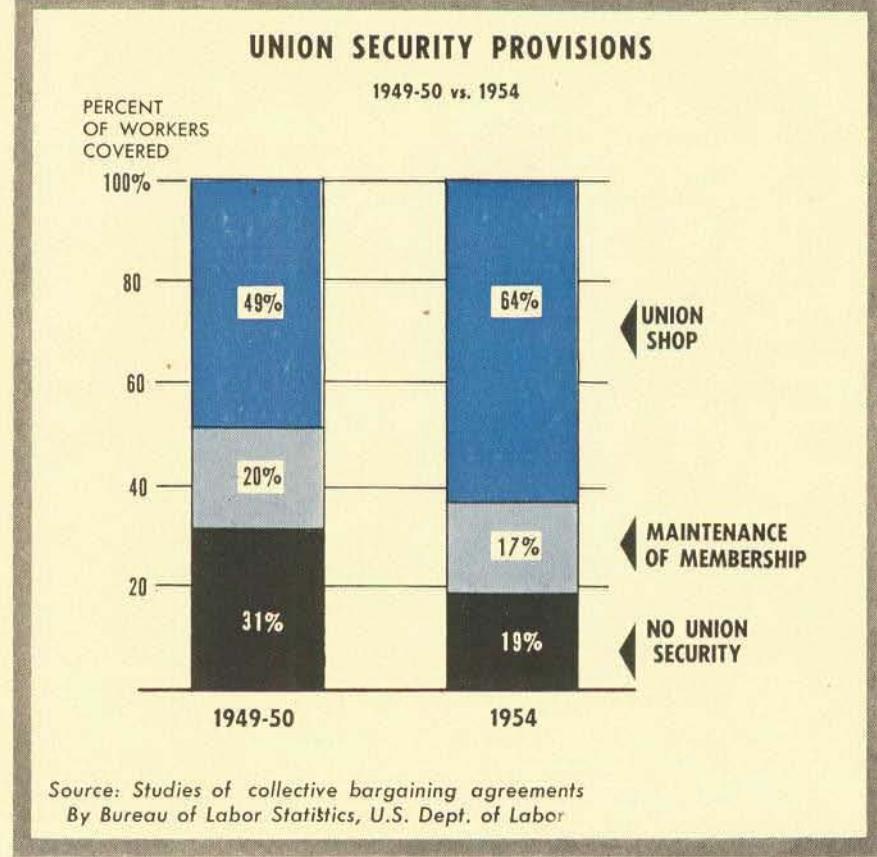
The NAM, the voice of business in the United States has campaigned bitterly against union security as everyone knows. However, here's an interesting observation. In 1955, the officers and directors of the NAM accepted security clauses in 59 contracts signed for their own companies with AFL-CIO unions. Twenty-two other companies with contracts with AFL-CIO unions are located in "right-to-work" states. Otherwise only 12 companies represented on the NAM board have contracts with AFL-CIO unions that contain no security clause.

Take a look at some of the major companies which have signed full union shop agreements:

General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, B. F. Goodrich, U. S. Rubber, Macy's New York, Owens-Illinois Glass, Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass, Curtiss-Wright, Bell Aircraft, American Can, Continental Can, Kaiser Aluminum, Allis-Chalmers, International Harvester, N. Y. Shipbuilding, International Paper, Remington Rand, Consolidated Edison of

agreements regardless of the prohibitions enacted in 17 states:

"(1) Such provisions have worked well at company after company to provide the union with the stability necessary for it to be able to act responsibly without fear of losing members or being undercut. Assured of its security, a union can concentrate on developing constructive relations instead of having to concentrate most of its efforts on maintaining its membership strength. (continued on page 71)



# With the Ladies



## Lessons for Living

SOMETIMES we receive letters in our office addressed to the "Editor of the Woman's Page." Some of those letters are from readers who have problems and who think perhaps that we can write back words of advice. We do what we can, but often, knowing that, in general, we all have the same problems only to greater or lesser degree, we try to talk about the problems and give some measure of advice, right here on your pages of the JOURNAL.

We are all human and as human beings (and women at that) we want certain things—we want love and admiration and the feeling that we are needed and appreciated.

Many of these things come to some women, naturally, just in the course of life. To others, they never come and never will without a little prodding, a little help.

A very fine writer, named Fulton Oursler, recently wrote a book of short incidents and it's called "Modern Parables." It's a good book, an inspiring book, that uses examples from real life to tell people how to live and be happy.

Mr. Oursler attempts to prove in his book, a point which we want to make to our readers here. That all people have problems and that just by looking and observing life around us, we can find the answers to our problems. If we will go ahead and try to change and adapt ourselves the way others have, we too can find a solution for our troubles and a source of happiness and satisfaction. However, if we go our own self-centered way, refusing to help ourselves, we will continue to lead lives cluttered up with frustrations.

Let me give you an example from Mr. Oursler's book. He tells about a young girl named Emily, unattractive, colorless, unhappy—a girl with dreams, but with no hope in her heart of ever having her dreams come true.

This girl had the good fortune to consult a fine psychologist. He took one look at her, and her attitude and manner told him not only "I'm a mess and a failure," but "there's



nothing you or I or anybody can do about it."

However, the psychologist, was a wise man and Emily was wise in a way too, for she promised to co-operate with him and to do exactly what he told her.

He wanted her to get a new hairdo and a new dress and to let some one else, an expert, select both for her. He was forcing her to put her best foot forward in spite of herself.

Then he asked her to come to a party and gave her a job to do. He made her promise that in spite of her shyness, she would go up to strangers, speak pleasantly to them, get them refreshments, introduce them to others. Her job was not to have a good time herself, but to see how good a time she could help others to have.

It worked like a charm and Emily—homely wallflower Emily who hated parties—had the best time she'd ever had.

That was the beginning of a new life for Emily. She did the best she could with the meager gifts nature had provided, then she forgot herself and tried to think of others.

Emily was a girl who could never be lovely, but she became lovable, which often is much more important and leads to more lasting happiness.

That's Lesson No. 1 in "Lessons for Living"—finding happiness ourselves by ceasing to seek it for ourselves and trying to give it to others.

Another wonderful life lesson consists in taking happiness where you find it—not longing constantly for a different, happier life in the future, but making the best of and grasping the happiness presented every day.

You remember the story of the man who spent his life journeying all over the world seeking diamonds. When he grew very old and finally came home to die, he found scores of diamonds in his own front yard.

Another facet to this lesson is being satisfied and using what we have instead of complaining about what we can't have.

The book "Modern Parables" gives a striking example of this from the life of Rosa Bonheur, the world's most famous woman artist.

Rosa, longed to paint living things but she had no money to pay live models or opportunity to observe living animals that might be subjects for her art. However, on her trips



to the market place to buy groceries and meat and fish, she noted the horses which stood tied at their posts all day, until their masters had sold all their goods and were ready to go home. These at least were alive, they had to stand still, and they cost nothing. So Rosa set up her easel in the noise and confusion of the market and painted horses. She became known as the woman who painted masterpieces of horses and her "Horse Fair" is one of the best known and best loved pictures in the world.

Rose Bonheur learned to use what was available instead of letting her talent lie dormant.

These are just a few "lessons from life." Look about you and you'll find many more and adopting them into your own scheme of things you will find a source of rich enjoyment.

We wish we had space for a few examples of the "miracle of kindness." Perhaps another month we might make that a topic. Being kind and understanding often works miracles in the lives of others and more often than not bounces back to bring rich gifts to us.

For example, there's the story of the man and woman who once came to a small hotel, weary and tired, only to find a convention in town and not a room to be found for love nor money. The kind-hearted hotel clerk,



noting their distress gave them his own room for the night. His kindness did not go unrewarded. Some time later he received a letter from the weary traveler he had befriended, offering him the job as manager of a new hotel, purported to be the best hotel in the world of that day. The weary traveler just happened to turn out to be William Waldorf Astor. And when he built his famous new hotel, the Waldorf-Astoria, he chose George C. Boldt, a humble middle class hotel clerk to manage it!

All acts of kindness do not bring such dramatic rewards but all bring rewards of some kind.

Well gals—that's all we have room for this time. See you next month!

## *Ways With Vegetables*

The height of summer is also the height of the vegetable season. Serve plenty of those vitamin packed fresh vegetables while they are available. However, you might like to try a few variations. Here are ways of preparing some summer favorites and perhaps a new idea or two on serving them.

### TOMATOES

Peel fresh tomatoes. Cut into quarters. Simmer gently with no added water about 10 minutes. Season with salt, pepper and a little sugar if desired.

#### *Variations:*

Add minced onion, parsley or sweet basil.

Serve sprinkled with bread crumbs browned in garlic flavored butter.

Arrange layers of sliced tomatoes and onions, soft bread crumbs and parsley. Pour cream on top and cover with Wheaties or similar cereal. Bake for 1 hour in moderate oven.

### SUMMER SQUASH

Wash, and remove stems and blossom ends. Do not pare. Slice and cook, covered in small amount of boiling water to which salt has been added, until tender (10 to 15 minutes). Add oil or butter for flavor.

#### *Variations:*

Add a little Worcestershire sauce and onion. Or add lemon juice; or chopped parsley or chives or both.

### BEETS

Wash and cut off tops, leaving about 1 inch. Cook whole, covered, in enough boiling salted water to cover—until tender (30 to 45 minutes). Drain. Pour cold water over beets and rub off skins. Serve whole or sliced with butter, salt and pepper.

#### *Variations:*

Combine with cream and a dash of horseradish.

Combine with equal parts of vinegar and sugar, boiled until syrupy with a few whole cloves. (Peeled hard boiled eggs may be added and served cold with the pickled beets for a tasty salad or vegetable dish.)

### LIMA BEANS

Shell and cook covered in about  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch boiling water with  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt, 20 to 25 minutes. Serve with butter, salt and pepper.

#### *Variations:*

Add Sautéed mushrooms.

Combine with cream, salt, pepper and butter and bake in uncovered casserole 1 hour in moderate oven.

### CARROTS

Remove tops and scrape. Cook covered in  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch salted water. Whole carrots, cook 15 to 30 minutes. Dash of sugar, orange rind or apple slice will improve flavor. Serve with butter, salt and pepper.

#### *Variations:*

Cream with celery and garnish with ripe olives.

Sprinkle with parsley or sautéed onions.

Simmer two cups cooked carrot strips with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup butter and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar until soft and glazed.

### CORN

Remove husks and silk, but not until just before cooking. Line bottom of pan with some of the husks (improves flavor). Place corn on top. Cook 3 to 8 minutes, covered in about an inch of water, unsalted (salt makes corn tough). A little sugar added to cooking water will also improve flavor. Serve with butter, salt and pepper on the cob.

#### *Variations:*

Cut corn from cob and serve with crisp pieces of bacon; chives; pimiento; chopped green pepper; parsley or combination of any of these.



Louis P. Marciante (right), IBEW Executive Council member and president of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor, and Vincent J. Murphy (left), secretary-treasurer of the Jersey Federation, are seen with Monsignor John L. McNulty, president of Seton Hall University, and Licia Albanese, Metropolitan Opera star, just before the labor leaders were awarded honorary doctor of law degrees by the university. They were honored for "many years of devoted and untiring efforts in behalf of organized labor in New Jersey."

## Who is this? Atoms for Peace

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The young fellow pictured below in the farmer's hat is now an Assistant to the International President and stationed in Washington. He was initiated in a West Coast local and served as a Representative in the Ninth District prior to coming to the I. O. Who is he?

(Answer to last month's "Who Is This" was International Treasurer Fred B. Irwin.)



on the job. About 26 of these will be engineers, chemists and others whose jobs will involve testing the equipment. This means that some 100 persons or so will be associated with operation and maintenance. After tests etc., personnel may be reduced to about 80. This corresponds to about 65 at a conventional plant.

At this early stage of development, it is impossible to say with accuracy what manpower will eventually be required to operate atomic plants.

Naturally, the Brotherhood is anxious to secure as many of these jobs as possible for our own people. At present a number of our utility members are being trained at Arco, Idaho to assume positions in the plant when it begins operation.

There is one question which is constantly being asked concerning the work in an atomic energy plant. Is it dangerous? What about radioactivity? It is the opinion of experts that this plant, and others like it, will be one of the safest places in the world to work. Because atomic plants are still in the research stage, every health and safety precaution will be taken.

Employees will be protected so carefully and examined so regularly that their general health and safety should surpass that of any worker in the country.

Space will not permit more details on this great development. It is one of the greatest projects, if not *the* greatest project under way in the world today. It is a major contribution to both peace and progress.

It is a great step forward in the cause of peace, because it is a concrete demonstration that the United States intends to use her vast wealth of information and resources on atomic energy for the good of the people of this nation and the world.

Secondly, it is a vast step forward for electrical progress, in the day and age of electricity. It is a tribute to the foresight and enterprise of the Duquesne Light Company also, for as Mr. Philip Fleger, Chairman of the Board, explained, the 60,000 or 100,000 kilowatts which will be generated from atomic fuel in this atomic plant, will be excessive in cost, but this is the price of progress. In the next two decades ahead, power needs for these United States are expected to more than double. And while we in this country are blessed with abundant resources of conventional fuel, they most certainly are not inexhaustible. Therefore the time is now—to plan for the future. Sufficient power, efficient power will have to come through nuclear fission.

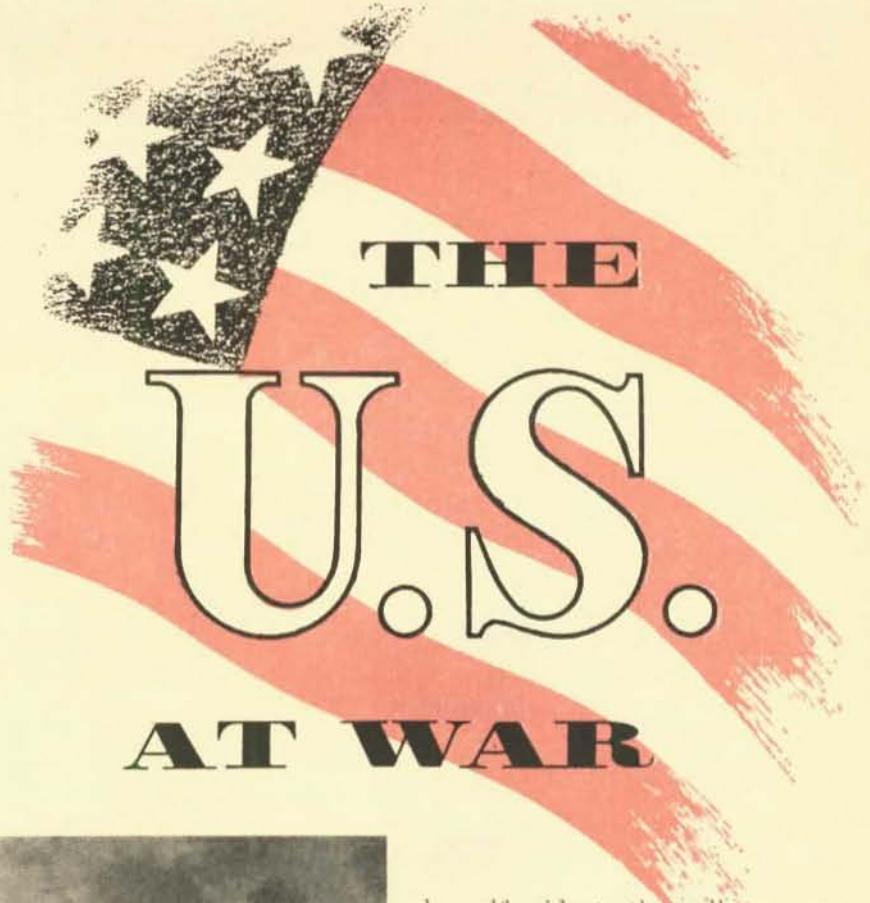
Mr. Fleger paid high tribute to the IBEW for its part in the project in the following statement:

"I have never seen cooperation to the degree that we have experienced it on this job. There has not been a single disagreement, and your union representatives have been most cooperative."

We acknowledge with thanks the kind cooperation and assistance received from the Duquesne Light Company and our local union members in the preparation of this story. We give special thanks to Mr. Philip Fleger, Chairman of the Board, and Mr. H. Briggs, Jr., Publicity Director, Duquesne Light Company.

THIS July 1956, as we again mark the anniversary of our independence, we can look about us and see with sorrow Russian and Iron Curtain concentration and slave labor camps, filled with human souls crying out for just a breath of the air of freedom in which we live and breathe as we go about our daily lives. And in the face of this, freedom, which should be every man's birthright, and which this nation has fought so many times to preserve, becomes more dear than life itself.

Patrick Henry voiced that very thought back in the year 1775 when he stood in the Virginia convention to defy a tyrant with his challenge, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" Then Thomas Jefferson put every man's thoughts about freedom into words in the United States Declaration of Independence, adopted by the Continental Congress July 4, 1776. He wrote: "We hold these truths to



# THE U.S. AT WAR



A scene showing the famous Battle of Bunker Hill which took place during the Revolutionary War.



U.S.S. Constitution, nicknamed "Old Ironsides," towing the British ship Cyane captured in War of 1812.

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be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government . . ."

And our nation fought the War for Independence for these prin-



ciples so eloquently stated by Jefferson. In that war, hardy frontier colonists beat off Indian raids incited by the British, while Continentals under Washington fought down the bitter way of Long Island and Ticonderoga, Valley Forge and Trenton and Princeton and finally of Yorktown where Cornwallis surrendered in 1781.

In the Peace of Paris (1783) Great Britain formally recognized the independence of the United States. But this young country had to fight yet another war before her place among the family of nations would be accepted, and before tyrants could learn a hands-off policy where liberty-loving peoples were concerned.

Once more, in 1812, cannons of war sent out death and destruction, this time across echoing waters of the high seas and the Great Lakes. England and France had renewed their war in 1803, and Britain's navy controlled the seas. Her warships in their search for deserters, made a practice of stopping United States' ships and removing seamen, until the British navy had seized and impressed thousands of American seamen.

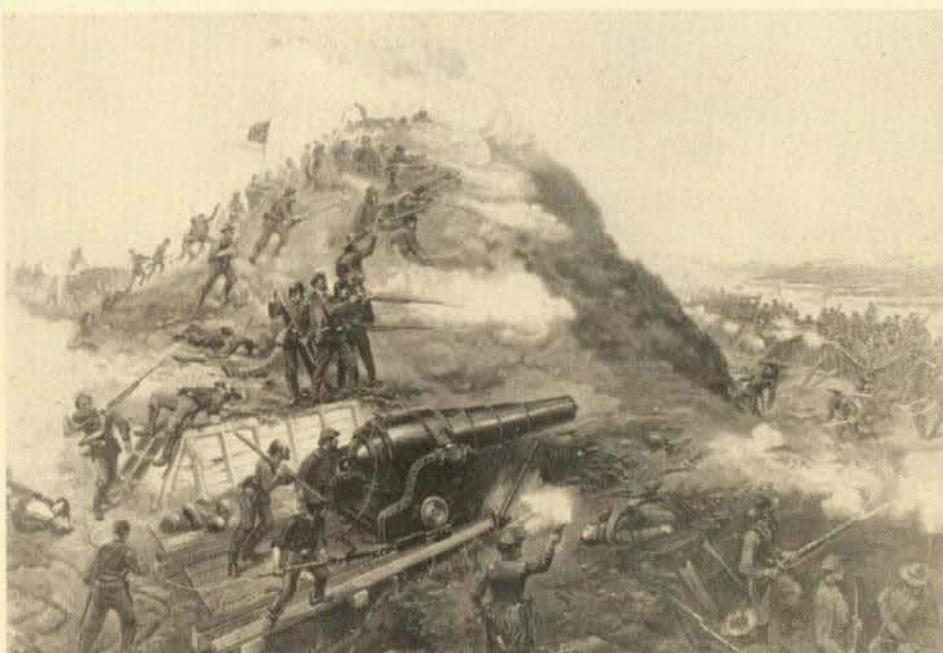
Determined to win freedom of the seas and of commerce the tiny U. S. Navy with such historic ships as the *Constitution* ("Old Ironsides") and such patriots as Perry on Lake Erie and Mac Donough on Lake Champlain won our first great naval battles, and Andrew Jackson at New Orleans threw off a British attack on New Orleans.

These were the days of struggle when Francis Scott Key's *Star Spangled Banner*, and Captain Lawrence's dying words, "Don't Give Up the Ship," told in words as did the sacrifices of our fighting men tell in deeds, the love of the people of the United States for this land of the free, and of their determination to fight even beyond endurance to keep it so.

While there has been controversy over our purely idealistic motives in the War with Mexico (1846) and with Spain (1898), examination of these questions shows the American people to be a people who wish others to enjoy the freedoms they know here in the United States.



The United States Steamers Scorpion, Spitfire, Vixen and Scourge, with 40 Barges in tow, crossing the bar at the mouth of Tabasco River during the Mexican War.

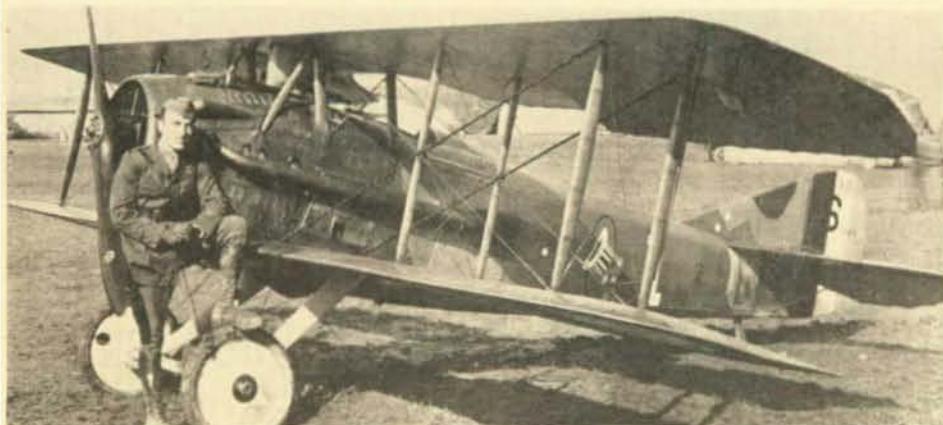


The misery of the Civil War is seen here in the Capture of Fort Fisher. Even sea-going vessels took part in the tremendous battle.



Teddy Roosevelt's horse bolts as the famous "Roughrider" leads his men to battle during the Spanish-American War.





Eddie Rickenbacker stands proudly by his World War I plane. Air Force made its debut in this conflict in such planes as this one.



Forty-millimeter gun crew standing an alert watch aboard a heavy cruiser during current operations in the Formosa area during World War II.



Mountain gale lashes Marines in sub-zero weather as they move out from Koto-ri on return to the sea during the gruelling Korean "police action."



It happened that Texas, a province of Mexico, under Sam Houston had fought for and won its independence from Mexico in 1836. Texas then drafted its own Constitution and following the wishes of the majority of its citizens, asked for and received admission to the Union in 1845. Mexico, however, did not recognize the annexation of Texas. President Polk sent an envoy to Mexico to ask that the Rio Grande be recognized as the southern Texas boundary, and to negotiate for New Mexico and Southern California.

Meanwhile a shooting war broke out when General Taylor's troops entered an area between the Nueces and Rio Grande rivers, a section claimed by both Texas and Mexico. Mexicans crossed the Rio Grande and attacked these troops. Congress immediately declared war.

That war ended in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo which settled the Texan boundary at the Rio Grande and which gave to the United States the Southern Californian and New Mexican territories, in return for \$15 million and the assumption of payment of about three million dollars for claims of American citizens against Mexico.

The other controversial war, that with Spain in 1898, resulted from American sympathy with the peoples of Cuba in their revolts against Spanish rule. When one more revolution broke out in 1895, tension between Spain and the United States mounted, only to flare into war as the U.S.S. Maine was mysteriously blown up in the Harbor of Havana (February 1898).

In this war the Hawaiian Islands were annexed to the United States and by the Treaty of Paris, Spain agreed to withdraw from Cuba, to give up Puerto Rico and Guam to the United States, and in exchange for \$20 million, to cede the Philippines to the United States. (The United States granted citizenship to Hawaiians in 1900 and to Puerto Ricans in 1917. A promise of full independence to the Filipinos was fulfilled 10 years ago.)

Slavery, existing like a blight across the southern countryside,

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NEWSLETTERS



**E**LECTION news continues good for the IBEW. Among our notes on elections won, Representative Oscar A. Johnson reports that 425 employees of Haskelite Manufacturing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, have voted unanimously to join Local 107.

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Our members are familiar with the organizing campaign started in January 1956, to bring members of the Pennsylvania Telephone Unit, an independent, into the IBEW.

More than 200 meetings have been held in various parts of the state and in the last week in March, traffic members of the union (operators) voted by a ratio of 10 to 1 for affiliation with the IBEW.

The potential number of members which this action can bring into the Brotherhood is 13,000 and our Representatives have 10,000 membership cards signed now.

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As each week passes at the International Office, we are gratified and encouraged at the progress being made by our local unions in the field of training and education.

Recently we had news of certificates being awarded to 35 journeyman members of L. U. 369, Louisville, Kentucky, who have just completed a 16-week course in electronics, at the University of Louisville.

We also received notice from the Department of Labor that L. U. 108, Tampa, is beginning a course in industrial electronics for its journeymen. Approximately 1500 members are eligible to receive this free instruction which will be given in 15 three-hour sessions.

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We note Local 108 is a leader in other respects too. In a new agree-

ment with the General Cable Corporation, a new paid holiday was negotiated—Gasparilla Day. Puzzled? We were too but investigation turned up the information that the day is celebrated in February as a sort of Spanish festival similar to Mardi Gras. It takes its name from Jose Gaspar, a pirate, and those celebrating the day are often costumed in pirate garb.

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Pulse, Incorporated is one of the top radio and TV research groups in the country. Recently it completed a study in 18,000 households in 19 major cities, on Edward P. Morgan and John W. Vandercrook. As our readers know, these are AFL-CIO News Commentators.

The result of the survey showed approximately 1,954,000 listeners per broadcast for Morgan and 1,593,000 for Vandercrook.

The survey further reported that approximately 65 percent of the audiences listening to the AFL-CIO newscasts are over 35 years of age and between 55 and 60 percent are men.

We bring you this report, first because we thought it might be of interest, and second, in order to put in a "plug" for the broadcasts.

It is important, particularly in this election year, that our people know the facts, get the true picture of events as they affect us and our country. Messrs. Morgan and Vandercrook are doing an excellent job of presenting this picture and we urge our members to listen to their broadcasts as regularly as possible.

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International Representative George Van Kirk recently brought us up to date on the severance pay

case against the New Jersey Central Power and Light Company.

When New Jersey Central sold its gas assets to the New Jersey Natural Gas Company, it refused to award severance pay as provided in its contract with the union. Suit was entered with the following results:

Claimants, numbering 158, were paid a total of \$145,589.60 in severance pay, plus \$32,757.66 in interest at the rate of 6 percent from the date of dismissal.

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Our members will be interested to know the stand that the AFL-CIO has taken in the Steel strike. Following is the text of the resolution adopted by the AFL-CIO:

"The Executive Committee of the AFL-CIO re-affirms the pledge of President George Meany that the United Steelworkers of America can count upon the fullest support by the entire labor movement in the current steel shut-down.

"This shut-down was caused by the steel industry to satisfy its own ulterior purposes. The companies made certain it would occur by tendering a contract proposal to the Steelworkers union in the form of an ultimatum. The union sought to engage in genuine give-and-take bargaining. The companies refused. The union offered to extend its contracts for 15 days to allow additional time for negotiations without a strike. The companies refused.

"When the companies in an industry as vital to the nation as steel combine to force a fight with the union and to attack the nation's economy, then it is in the interests of all Americans that the nature of this fight be known and that all possible assistance be given to the union. On behalf of the AFL-CIO, we pledge that this will be done."



# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

*Minutes and Report of the International Executive Council  
Regular Meeting Beginning June 18, 1956*

Marciano, Caffrey, McMillian, Scholtz, Broach, Foehn and Patterson present. Paulsen was absent because of illness. Carle could not attend.

The Council's last minutes and report were approved.

The auditor's reports were examined and filed.

During our sessions we met with the employers' representatives on the National Employees Benefit Board (Joint Pension Board collecting the 1%). This Board meets annually. Full information is given in the Report of the Board of Trustees, to be published in the IBEW Journal.

## REFUNDS MADE

Our Constitution reads:

"Any officer, representative or assistant who leaves the I.B.E.W. service for any reason before becoming eligible for retirement, shall have his contributions (to the Retirement Fund) returned to him, and in case of his death, to his beneficiary."—Article III, Section 11, paragraph (5).

Representative Edward Hoock resigned May 29, 1956. Representative Robinson, after being on the staff only a short time, met an untimely death June 13, 1956. We authorized refunds in both cases—\$1,731.98 to Hoock and \$38.33 to Robinson's beneficiary.

## RETIREMENTS GRANTED

J. W. Null has served the Brotherhood well as an organizer and representative since May 1, 1937. He is now age 66 and requests retirement.

President Freeman recommends the request be granted. We concurred—making the retirement effective July 15, 1956—as provided for in Article III, Section 11, paragraph (2) of our Constitution.

W. J. Hunt has been a building employee in the International headquarters since January 1, 1936. He has passed age 65. His request for retirement is recommended by Secretary Keenan. We granted the request effective August 1, 1956, as provided for in Article III, Section 11, paragraph (12) of our Constitution.

## INTERNATIONAL CHARGE

The International President is empowered to take charge of the affairs of any Local Union when this is necessary to protect or advance the interests of its members or the IBEW.

If the President or his representative has not adjusted the Local Union's affairs within six months, the entire case must be referred to the Executive Council.—(Article IV, Section 3, paragraph (9) IBEW Constitution.)

President Freeman referred to us the case of Local Union 68 of Denver, Colorado. We reviewed this case and decided that International charge (or supervision) of this Local's affairs shall continue until further notice.

## CASE OF BURT LANDON

Our law provides—in Article IV, Section 4—that the International President

"... can, in any situation, delegate the powers of his office to an International Representative, Vice President or Assistant."

President Freeman delegated authority to Vice President Harbak to take charge of the affairs of Local Union 280 of Salem, Oregon. Such charge was taken January 19, 1956. The next day Burt Landon was removed from office as the Local's Business Manager-Financial Secretary.

Landon appealed from both actions—taking charge of the Local's affairs and removing him from office.

#### **Hearing Held**

This Executive Council decided (by telegram and mail) to appoint Vice President Anderson to hold a hearing in Salem, hear witnesses and take evidence. The hearing was held June 1, 1956. Anderson later sent a detailed written report of the hearing, with the evidence presented, to this Council meeting.

We have carefully studied *all* papers in this case and find as follows:

1. Landon and the Union committee signed and put into effect an amendment to the working agreement with electrical contractors. The amendment was discussed with the members but they never voted to accept or reject such amendment. This violated Article XV, Section 5 of the IBEW Constitution.

2. The amendment, in effect, provided that the contractor would pay 15¢ an hour additional, effective January 1, 1956. Five cents of this would be paid to the wiremen. Ten cents for each hour worked would be sent to the Local Union by the contractor. (This would be in violation of Section 3.02 of the Taft-Hartley Law.)

3. The 10¢ to be paid the Local Union, according to Landon's appeal, "would be placed in the General Fund for the operation of the Local. . . . All wiremen base dues would be dropped to Five Dollars and Sixty cents per month . . . the 1% assessment would be removed and the Bylaws changed."

(Landon's appeal also states the contractors wanted the 10¢ used to employ field representatives to police the Local Union's jurisdiction.)

#### **Agreement Not Approved**

4. Landon had been previously warned more than once by Vice President Harbak that the amendment would not receive the necessary International approval. And it did not. (Harbak talked with President Freeman about this over long distance telephone.)

5. Landon sent a letter (undated) to his members advising them of a new dues structure. His letter said nothing about the 10¢ hourly to be sent the Local Union. During

the hearing he testified that this letter was sent December 27 or 28, 1955—one or two days before the final negotiating meeting with the contractors—and before the amended agreement was signed.

6. The Local Union's bylaws were not amended to provide for the new dues structure. Nor was any such proposal voted upon by the members. This violated Article XV, Section 2 of the Local Union bylaws.

7. Landon admitted he had assumed the Treasurer's duties—without any authority—by signing his name to Local Union checks, as the Treasurer. However, there is no claim that he misappropriated any funds.

Because of our findings, the appeal is denied.

#### **CASE OF APPEAL FOR NEW CHARTER**

L. W. Manley belongs to Local Union 141 of Wheeling, West Virginia. He and other members petitioned for an IBEW charter to be located at New Martinsville, West Virginia.

The charter would cover Inside jurisdiction in the counties of Wetzel, Tyler and Monroe. This jurisdiction is now covered by Local Unions 141 of Wheeling and 968 of Parkersburg, West Virginia and 972 of Marietta, Ohio.

This same case was before us during our December 1953 meeting. At that time the petitioners wanted the charter located at Sistersville, West Virginia. And they did not include the jurisdiction of the Ohio Local Union.

#### **Previous Decision**

Our late President Tracy, after an investigation, denied the charter application. And we sustained him. Our decision then stated:

"We accept the claim that there are several fairly large construction jobs now underway, or will be underway, in the area involved.

"However, we find that only when such jobs are underway can such an area support a Local Union. When the big jobs are done, not enough electrical workers are employed to properly keep a Local alive.

"Too often new Local Unions were set up in such areas only to slowly die later. The two Local Unions—Wheeling 141 and Parkersburg 968—have full time Business Managers and the evidence before us shows they are covering the territory fairly well.

"To remove the territory from them would only weaken them. And this Executive Council does not see how the Brotherhood could be benefited."

The petitioners now say:

"With free rental for office and meeting rooms, income from dues and assessments of fifty members, plus the assessments of two hundred or more wiremen from other locals needed will assure us of a full time Business Manager and chance to build for the future."

This Executive Council does not agree with such reasoning. But we do agree with, and we sustain, President Freeman in denying the charter.

(Council member McMillian did not participate in this case.)

### PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

President Freeman and Secretary Keenan discussed several matters with us, particularly the investment of IBEW and Pension Funds.

The Council previously authorized them to dispose of the investment in the apartment building at 1500 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C. The sale of this property was completed at a considerable profit.

President Freeman reported on the progress being made by the committees he appointed on jurisdiction matters with other International organizations. He also advised us regarding building trades matters involving trade jurisdiction.

Secretary Keenan reported in detail on the investment of IBEW and Pension Funds. Also the amounts transferred from the Convention Fund to the General Fund and from the Military Service Fund to the Pension Benefit Fund.

### PENSIONS APPROVED

The Executive Council approved the following pension applications:

<u>Card in The I.O.</u>	<u>Formerly of L.U.</u>
Dair, John L.....	I.O.
Heidtmann, William.....	3
McMonigle, Frank T.....	3
DeVeto, Joseph.....	18
Dresser, William H.....	18
Franklin, P. F.....	35
Bruss, Irvin C.....	40

<u>Card in The I.O.</u>	<u>Formerly of L.U.</u>
Grandfield, John W.....	40
Groger, Victor.....	40
Folks, Ivan C.....	46
Helper, George A.....	50
Morris, Herbert A.....	51
Ray, Frank.....	51
Harmon, Hunter R.....	58
Fleming, Roy.....	65
Tait, Joseph H.....	73
Gray, Ralph W.....	76
Spilman, Sierra S.....	76
Bird, C. E.....	77
Durham, John C.....	77
Eversole, Charles V.....	77
Farnham, Ernest J.....	77
Gilbertson, A. C.....	77
Hedgahl, John C.....	77
Huddleston, George W.....	77
Hughes, Bayard.....	77
Jones, Tallie R.....	77
Marion, Leo S.....	77
Marschke, Arnold.....	77
Morgan, Charles H.....	77
Paulson, Leander.....	77
Seymour, Otto B.....	77
Wright, Clinton C.....	77
Noonan, Frank.....	81
Minkler, Warren E.....	98
Picotte, Seraphin R.....	99
Jones, Jesse L.....	100
Bouma, Herbert S.....	125
Budd, Merle D.....	125
Seidel, Henry O.....	125
Koehl, William H.....	130
Martens, John.....	134
Regan, Robert J.....	134
Weibel, Peter J.....	134
Draeger, Robert C.....	135
Kinch, M. A.....	230
Walsh, Walter J.....	250
Seltzer, David.....	262
Starr, Ray G.....	275
Brisson, Peter J.....	326
Howard, Fred S.....	326
Hopper, Leslie L.....	360
Thurston, Ralph M.....	396
Wahl, Charles F.....	397
Morey, William C.....	415
Kist, Everett A.....	427
Morrison, Raymond L.....	478
Daniels, William A.....	494
Wiley, Jake F.....	499
Plant, Kingsley.....	521
Thompson, Lewis M.....	558
Hudson, Ila K.....	585
Egan, Henry.....	663
Schledorn, Alfred.....	664
Otto, Ramon.....	677
Campsie, Alexander F.....	748
Biamonte, Ralph.....	817
Eimer, Christian.....	817
Barrow, Archie E.....	856
FitzGibbon, Frank J.....	859
Howe, Walter, Sr.....	859
Waters, Jesse J.....	923
Gregory, Mark.....	933
Messmore, George R.....	1021
Osborn, Ralph N.....	1392
Dennis, Dugger.....	1393

	Membership in L. U.		Membership in L. U.
Buskirk, William A.	1	Kemna, Rod H.	48
Krackenberg, H.	1	Holmes, Don W.	49
Schmidt, F. George	1	Grady, Everett	51
Turpel, George	1	Bolton, Chester A.	53
Barack, Max	3	Cassidy, Thomas	53
Barnett, Louis	3	Daniels, Lester	53
Becker, Anthony	3	Hunter, Guy	53
Cohen, Abraham	3	Schone, Hugh L.	53
Cunningham, Cornelius	3	McCool, Clifton D.	56
Curran, John M.	3	Bell, George S.	58
Daniel, Frank	3	Edwards, Robert	58
Edison, Andrew	3	Henning, Roy	58
Fatigante, Vincent	3	Miller, John J.	58
Goldberg, Nat	3	Slattery, William	58
Greubel, Michael	3	Gano, Roy P.	59
Lacheta, Joseph	3	Loveland, W. T.	59
Marcus, Isadore	3	Harris, W. W.	60
Marini, Frank	3	Scholt, Martin J.	60
Melahn, August M.	3	Butcher, Albert	64
McKenney, William	3	Mehr, John W.	66
Onsdorff, Edwin H.	3	Nicholl, William B., Sr.	76
Rizzo, Thomas	3	Carson, William R.	77
Sanders, William F.	3	Casey, Pat W.	77
Schlichting, Frank	3	McHugh, Henry	77
Spahr, August	3	Connell, Edward A.	86
Steck, Frank	3	Curry, John R.	86
Struckman, Frank	3	Gottschalk, Charles F.	86
Wehrman, Ferdinand	3	Kernan, P. Aloysius	86
Werner, George	3	Stace, George E.	86
Wetzel, Frank H.	3	Harter, Darle	87
Wysochansky, John	3	Ebaugh, Edwin J.	98
Schenk, Elmer W.	5	Given, Albert R.	98
Leslie, A. F.	6	Miller, Charles H.	98
Sayer, Frank	6	Nudi, Emil	100
Miller, Louis T.	8	Craig, Samuel T.	103
McGinnis, Henry E.	8	Gebhard, Leonard	103
Steuer, Louis M.	8	Peterson, William	103
Bittner, Louis	9	Starr, Herbert	103
Degelmann, William	9	Porter, Fred C.	107
Henderson, Fred J.	9	Velat, Anthony	110
Henning, Otto A.	9	Lawrence, William C.	121
Henry, Thomas L.	9	Henger, Frank A.	122
Lloyd, Alfred M.	9	Reichel, A. E.	122
McInerney, Michael	9	Carr, Jay H.	124
Lee, Harry L.	11	Fennesy, J. J.	124
Yelch, C. C.	16	Kress, Joseph	124
Bartholomew, Robert	18	Roach, Floyd I.	124
Fiedler, Harry J.	18	Tritle, E. A.	124
McGrath, Leo	18	Collin, Herman R.	125
Smith, Bernard	18	Denison, Maurice E.	125
Snyder, J. Fred	18	Eklund, George V.	125
McAvoy, John	27	Krauthoefer, Mathew J.	125
Abrams, Charles H.	28	Lindquist, Oscar W.	125
Spurrier, Albert B.	28	Schenck, James E.	125
Young, Joseph T.	28	Thrower, A. N.	125
Berg, Frank	31	Van Doozer, Jess G.	125
McMillan, Adrian E.	31	Wehner, H.	125
Conway, Harry	38	Wright, Clarence M.	125
Cooper, Burr	38	Young, Fred S.	125
Griffin, Frank W.	38	Anderson, Carl E.	134
Hoppe, Frank A.	38	Annicelli, William	134
Kelly, William	38	Arnold, Victor	134
Klomfas, William	38	Brankin, Thomas P.	134
McIntyre, Edward	38	Braverman, Harry	134
Ormiston, A. W.	38	Buckels, Sol	134
Tuft, William	39	DeBourg, Gustave W.	134
Farlow, Harry B.	40	Gilbert, Emil A.	134
Stary, N. Lee	40	Grotz, Fred	134
Watkins, Horace L.	40	Hansen, Olaf	134
Kavanaugh, Robert	43	Healy, John	134
Lewis, H. H.	46	Himes, D. G.	134
Craig, C. W.	48	Jones, William C.	134
Foust, Everett L.	48	Lawrence, Joseph R.	134
Gorman, E. J.	48	Maegdefessel, C.	134

	Membership in L. U.		Membership in L. U.
Oziemkowski, Michael	134	Zumstag, William A.	488
Reindl, Albert C.	134	Frank, Harold H.	494
Reynolds, Harley C.	134	Stenz, Arthur	494
Roberts, Montague R.	134	Tess, William, Jr.	494
Siemen, Otto	134	Smith, J. Howard	497
Stretton, Robert	134	New, Charles	501
Whitman, Irvin E.	134	Cook, William E.	551
Stevens, Hubbard D.	159	Alecock, Frederick	561
Wagner, Louis C.	159	Hay, Hugh	561
Piatt, Cummie M.	163	Jarest, L. P.	561
Gudehus, Charles A.	164	Sarman, J. K.	561
Woodard, John O.	176	McCrum, George T.	567
Gutfeld, Carl N.	180	Sullivan, Timothy	569
Sosnosky, Martin L.	180	Luquer, Clarence	589
Cowles, Charles O.	190	Tormey, J. E.	589
Runge, Edmund	190	Baker, William F.	613
Wilson, Edward D.	193	Cox, Guy M.	613
Misiak, Alois L.	195	Etherton, James C.	618
Rehorst, William	195	Warner, Charles H.	618
Schueneman, Henry C.	195	Brown, John A.	636
Schwertfeger, Paul	195	Evans, John C.	653
Aufderheid, Walter	212	Gilman, Edwin B.	663
Mittendorf, William F.	212	Hall, William R.	664
Balfe, John P.	213	McCann, Thomas D.	666
Bunting, H. C.	213	Means, Robert O.	697
Perry, George D.	213	Kunce, Elmer H.	702
Plantec, Frank	213	Smith, Thomas	702
Miller, Clyde W.	214	McGan, Roy J.	708
Pedersen, Ludwig	214	Ferrara, Joe	713
Brewer, Clarence L.	222	Ayers, Howard B.	716
Turner, Neal F.	245	Kuhn, G. A.	716
Jahn, Rupert A.	269	Schlee, G. H.	716
Hill, Leo	292	Dreyer, William	723
Mullen, Charles	292	Wissel, Frank E.	725
Murdock, William A.	292	Van Weelde, John R.	734
Van Curra, William	292	Weaver, John M.	736
Hendrix, Joe M.	304	Forester, Curn	760
Travis, Thomas J.	304	Levens, Clarence P.	768
Roeber, Benjamin G.	323	Schmidt, G. J.	774
Smith, Frederick H.	323	Woodall, I. M.	779
Akerman, Harry O.	326	Young, C. W.	780
Gammon, Thomas E.	326	Marshall, A. B.	787
Judson, Fred E.	326	Russell, Paul K.	794
Spicer, William W.	326	Webb, B. F.	794
Savage, Leo F.	333	McGuire, Frank	817
Elder, John J.	340	Fitzgerald, John E.	819
Heinrich, Paul	340	Cheek, S. J.	822
Jarvis, Clarence E.	340	Hodges, Joseph E.	822
Chamberlain, Nova B.	347	McClure, John L.	822
Higgins, Milo J.	347	Ramey, J. B.	822
McMillan, James	348	Wynne, John C.	856
Atkinson, James E.	352	Devlin, James	859
Bradtko, George G.	358	Edwards, Henry F.	859
Sewell, C. E., Sr.	369	Stanley, Quinn	859
Kain, Joseph E.	397	Teubner, William	859
Harrington, Fred	411	Campbell, C. H.	862
Cole, William G.	427	Crawford, Edward C.	864
Seaman, Bert J.	427	Keyes, Robert W.	865
Campbell, Daniel	435	Goodman, William	869
McBride, John L.	435	Piker, Albert A.	897
Atwater, C. W.	440	Roach, Frank	914
Keyes, Fred	454	Calvin, Charles D.	916
King, Albert O.	459	Brotan, Clarence	953
Myers, B. A.	459	Kennedy, L. W.	1002
Beavers, W. O.	475	Rice, William A.	1024
Fiske, Clifton	483	Van Winkle, E. H.	1095
Sullivan, John J.	483	Gillespie, Andrew	1392

	<u>Membership in L. U.</u>
Arvine, John C.....	1393
Poland, Raymond A.....	1393
Ringold, James.....	1393
Eads, Roy.....	1594

### PENSIONS DENIED

These pension applications were denied:

**L. J. HEINOLD**—Local Union 11. The International records show he will not be age 65 until April 20, 1957.

When he submits acceptable evidence that he is now age 65, he will receive his pension.

When a member joins our Brotherhood the birth date he gives is accepted as being correct. When, years later, he claims he is older than he originally stated, then he must submit acceptable evidence to the Executive Council to support his claim.

**LOUIS BROEKER**—Local Union 16. He originally gave his birth date as May 25, 1892. He now claims he was born one year earlier, making him age 65.

He must submit acceptable evidence to support his claim.

**REGINALD AUSTIN**—Local Union 348. When he joined the IBEW he gave only the year of his birth—1894—not the day or month.

Nothing has been submitted even to show where he was born. He, too, must submit acceptable evidence to show he has reached age 65.

### BIRTH DATES CORRECTED

Acceptable evidence was submitted to the Council and corrections have been made in the International records of the birth dates of the following members:

	<u>Membership in L. U.</u>
Benedict, M. E.....	3
Brooks, James.....	3
MacGregor, Robert E.....	3
Padula, Anthony A.....	3
Schwagerl, George B.....	3
Sehringer, Ernest.....	3
Sehringer, Henry.....	3
Soffen, Henry.....	3
Wittlin, Julius M.....	3
Stoker, Edward A.....	5
Nargaard, H. C.....	11
McCormick, Benjamin.....	23
Spicer, Verne T.....	51

	<u>Membership in L. U.</u>
Tobin, Albert H.....	51
Wadham, William T.....	51
Andrews, Gordon C.....	84
Murphy, Walter J.....	84
Keenan, Danie R.....	104
Dabria, Dave.....	130
Fuqua, Robert H.....	136
Huff, Charles L.....	283
Masefield, John.....	322
Silk, W.....	353
Turner, B. B.....	401
Minnick, Fred.....	428
Fogg, S. G.....	435
Mersereau, Harry L.....	465
Durfee, G. L.....	494
Pierson, Thomas R.....	581
Volence, Frank.....	618
Rittenhour, William.....	621
Duffee, L. L.....	734
McDonald, Alex.....	Card in I.O.
Martin, William J.....	Card in I.O.

### BIRTH DATES NOT CHANGED

Request for changes in birth dates in the International records of the following members were denied:

	<u>Membership in L. U.</u>
Grinko, Abraham.....	3
Shore, Abraham.....	3
Hiatt, Harold H.....	18
Martin, L. R.....	55
Hogan, William.....	134
Sieber, Dewey L.....	193
Camerer, Roy.....	309
Frye, Knute.....	408
Sas, Leo F.....	494
Steidler, Charles E.....	803
Duncan, James J.....	948
Palmer, L. R.....	1923
Forest, Joseph F.....	Card in I.O.
Balfour, Wallace.....	Card in I.O.
Maurer, Ludwig A.....	Card in I.O.

The records will be changed—to show a different date from what was originally given—when acceptable evidence is submitted to the Council.

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Executive Council adjourned Friday, June 22, 1956.

Our next regular meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. Monday, September 10, 1956.

**H. H. BROACH,**  
*Secretary of*  
*Executive Council*

ANNUALLY, at our regular June meeting, it is the duty of the Trustees of the Pension Benefit Trust Fund to submit a complete report to the members of the National Board. This report is required by provision of our Employes Benefit Agreement—Article III-A, Section 3, Paragraph G. It must include any actions taken during the past year which concern the Fund, and an analysis of the condition of the finances for which we are responsible.

However, over a period of the past five years, we your Trustees, have attempted to make this report a little more than a succession of balance sheets and statistical charts. We have attempted to present a picture, not just for those present at the annual meeting, but for those Contractors and IBEW members, and the public at large, who subsequently will read this report.

The picture to which we refer is a summary of NECA-IBEW relationship as it exists today. That picture is good. It is extremely heartening that at a time when there is so much anti-union sentiment and so much anti-employer bitterness, when battles are on in nearly every state in the nation between union and employer forces, over the so-called "Right-to-Work" laws, to find labor and management in one great and progressive industry, pulling together. By means of real co-operation, members of both our groups are finding steady employment and profits, and the citizens of these United States are "living better electrically."

#### MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

In this connection, first then, we'd like to mention the house wiring and home electrical modernization program which was launched this year by the National Electrical Contractors Association together with the Edison Electric Institute, National Electrical Manufacturers Association and others.

A survey was made and by conservative estimate 20,000,000 homes in America require an average of \$250 each for electrical modernization. That is a total of \$5 billion in the home rewiring business.

The NECA has gone all out in its advertising and promotional campaigns to get this business.

The IBEW, at the national level, is behind this campaign 100 percent and is attempting by means of its JOURNAL, its Newsletters, its Progress Meetings, to get 100 percent cooperation on the local level. While results have been far from perfect, progress is being made.

Last year, kilowatt consumption in the United States reached a new high. Each month it breaks its previous record. The business outlook, at least in the electrical field is good. The latest surveys expect capital spending for new plants and equipment to top the 1955 figures by 30 percent.

All of which is good news for the NECA and the IBEW—if—we are ready for it. The im-

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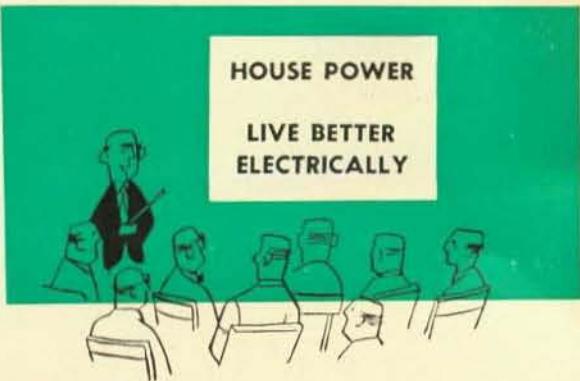
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mediate problem at hand is a shortage of trained workmen.

We of the NECA and the IBEW realize this fact. Together we are attempting to do something about it. We are intensifying our efforts in the apprenticeship training field. During this past year more Journeymen were graduated from our training programs than ever before in our history. And we are attempting to better than double the number of new apprentices beginning training yearly. There is still much more to be done but we are making progress.

We have not stopped with apprentice training. With the development of new machines and the progress of automation, we in the electrical business recognize that while automation may be a



serious drawback to many workers, it is a boon to the electrical business.

Therefore journeyman classes are being set up in many parts of the country, and we expect these to grow, and skilled tradesmen are going back to school to learn advanced principles of electronics and atomic energy and the other subjects that are making electrical news today.

Once again we bring home the fact that the NECA wants union labor for its jobs. The IBEW

is proud of that fact and is doing all that it can to see that it gets that labor which has proved itself skilled and responsible through the years.

Long-time IBEW locals are taking in more men—our membership rolls have increased perceptibly in the past year. So much for this phase of

NECA-IBEW cooperation. Your Trustees are proud to report that it is a progressive comprehensive program.

We continue to have local disputes which are a healthy sign in a free collective bargaining set-up. However, we also continue to settle them through the medium of our Council on Industrial Relations. Last year 54 cases were decided by Council action and this year 28 decisions have been ren-



dered so far. Many hundred more cases have been settled amicably on the local level, because the existence of an industrial "Supreme Court," for final recourse, has always been an inspiration for resolving difficulties.

Points like those mentioned above, lead us to believe, that while the electrical industry is still in swaddling clothes as compared with some, it has attained maturity of judgment and acquired the most valuable asset known to any industry—labor-management cooperation.

With that for a preface, we now go on to the principal subject matter of this report, the field in which we have perhaps attained our best cooperation—the Pension field.

While other unions over the country are just beginning to put pension plans into effect, our Employes Benefit Agreement has passed the decade mark. The number of Electrical Workers going on pension continues to mount sharply year after year, but so do our funds as we take the necessary steps to strengthen and stabilize our plan.

Daily, the grateful letters continue to pour in from pensioners all over the country, the letters that express so well what our joint Pension Plan has meant to the Electrical Worker.

### BARS MOUNT

Each year the bars on the statistical charts presented to you, continue to mount. Some of the bars represent men, to whom \$50 means the difference between comfort and bare existence. Other bars represent money—the money we must continue to place in the Fund in order to keep faith with the workers who helped to build our industry.

Following are those charts and tables which will enable us to see where our Pension Plan stands today.

Your Trustees met monthly in conformity with Article III-B of the Employes Benefit Agreement and approved applications for pension as recorded in the following table.

### STATEMENT RE: NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON PENSION—1955

Date	Admitted	Returned To Trade	Deaths	Received Pension	Net Increase In Number
December 31, 1954	—	—	—	6134	—
1955					
January	147	17	28	6236	102
February	127	14	25	6324	88
March	122	23	29	6394	70
April	139	29	38	6466	72
May	121	28	34	6525	59
June	149	37	48	6589	64
July	153	31	41	6670	81
August	114	21	47	6716	46
September	142	29	32	6797	81
October	139	27	39	6870	73

November	124	38	34	6922	52
December	138	29	40	6991	69

1955

Total Admitted .....	1615
Returned to Trade.....	323
Deaths .....	435
Net Increase .....	857

#### COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS—MEMBERS GOING ON PENSION

1954

1955

Total Admitted... 1493	Total Admitted... 1615
Returned to Trade 225	Returned to Trade 323
Deaths ..... 398	Deaths ..... 435
Net Increase..... 870	Net Increase..... 857

The following table illustrates the number of members who were drawing pension each quarter.

#### MEMBERS ON PENSION

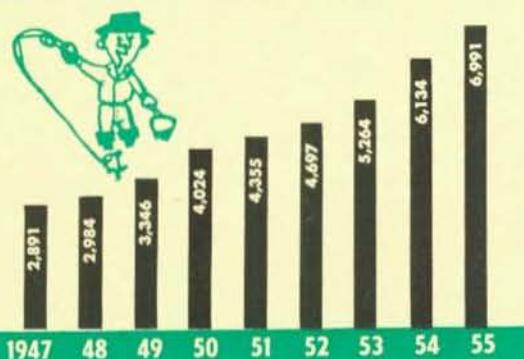
October, 1948... 2952	June, 1952..... 4437
December, 1948.. 2984	September, 1952. 4594
March, 1949..... 3034	December, 1952.. 4697
June, 1949..... 3122	March, 1953..... 4821
September, 1949. 3224	June, 1953..... 4933
December, 1949.. 3346	September, 1953. 5092
March, 1950..... 3434	December, 1953.. 5264
June, 1950..... 3775*	March, 1954.... 5467
September, 1950. 3888	June, 1954..... 5652
December, 1950.. 4024	September, 1954. 5898
March, 1951..... 4100	December, 1954.. 6134
June, 1951..... 4189	March, 1955..... 6394
September, 1951. 4283	June, 1955..... 6589
December, 1951.. 4355	September, 1955. 6797
March, 1952.... 4404	December, 1955.. 6991

\* In June, 1950, payment of Canadian pensions out of the Pension Benefit Trust Fund was begun.

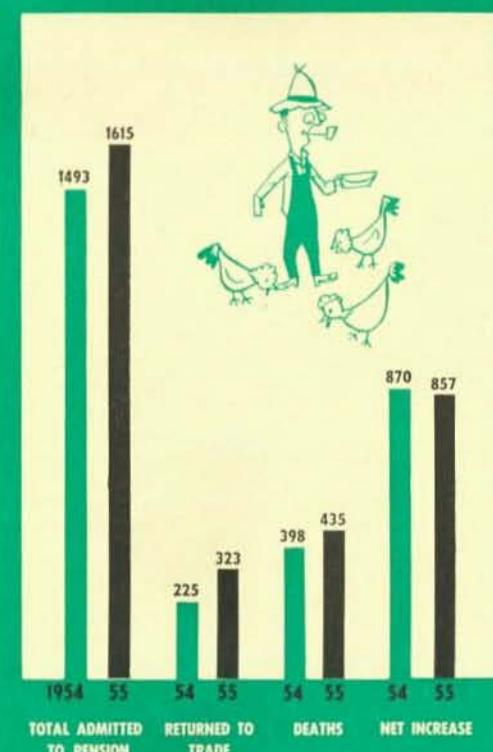
The following is a brief summary of the receipts and disbursements for the year 1955:

#### MEMBERS ON PENSION

(AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE III-A, SECTION 3, PARAGRAPH 3  
OF EMPLOYEES' BENEFIT AGREEMENT AS AMENDED)



#### COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS MEMBERS GOING ON PENSION 1954 AND 1955



#### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1955 ..... \$ 150,564.61

##### CASH RECEIPTS:

Contributions	
from NEBB ....	8,450,000.00
Refunds .....	5,850.00
Payments—Real	
Estate Loans ..	2,140,976.15
Notes Repaid .....	3,097,000.00

##### Interest:

Real Estate	
Loans .....	495,994.49
Securities .....	81,514.71
Sale of	
Securities .....	9,563,327.43
	\$23,985,227.39

##### CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

Pensions Paid .....	3,975,573.60
Loans Repaid .....	297,000.00
Securities	

##### Purchased:

Real Estate	
Loans .....	11,081,142.66
Time Deposits..	6,500,000.00
Bonds .....	1,866,801.55

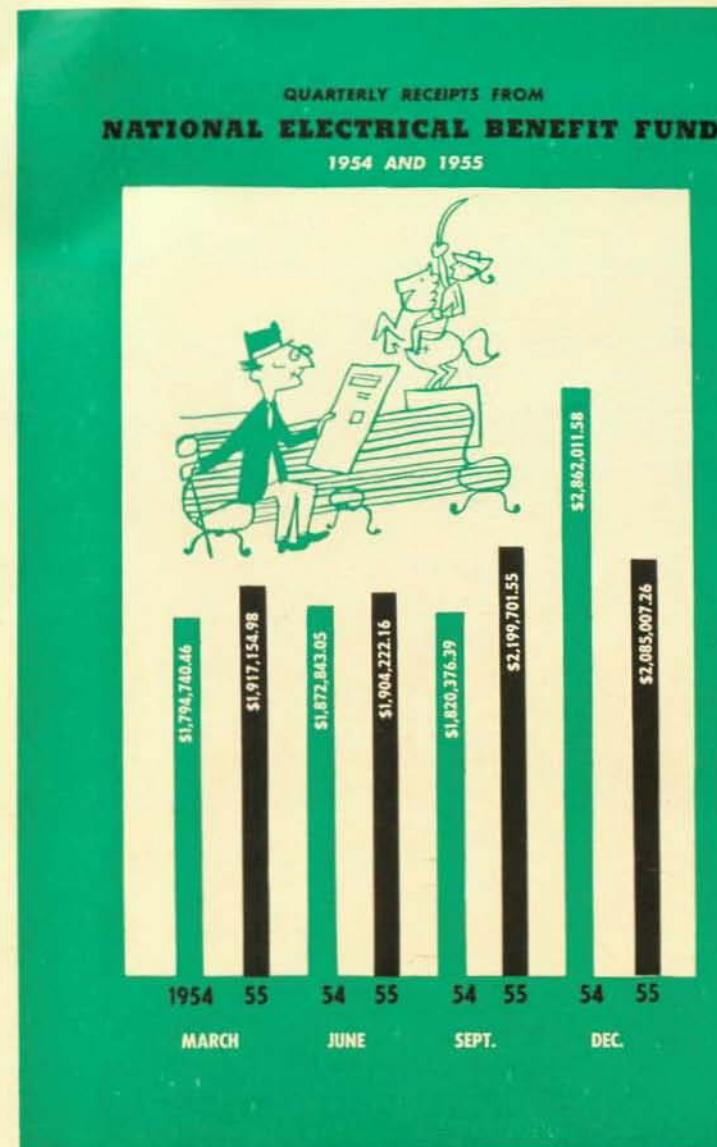
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## CASH DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)

Investment Expense .....	47,556.42
Interest on Loans .....	56,306.85
	23,824,381.08
 BALANCE .....	 \$ 160,846.31
CASH DECEMBER 31, 1955:	
American Security & Trust Co. ....	57,681.81
American Security & Trust Agency .....	53,064.50
Bank of Nova Scotia ....	50,100.00
	 \$ 160,846.31

## RECEIPTS FROM NATIONAL ELECTRICAL BENEFIT FUND

For Quarter Ending	Amount
<b>1947</b>	
June .....	\$ 284,489.98
September .....	424,867.73
December .....	548,265.84
<b>1948</b>	
March .....	459,789.49
June .....	598,898.12
September .....	534,026.90
December .....	554,136.25
<b>1949</b>	
March .....	548,528.46
June .....	612,633.43
September .....	485,260.70
December .....	427,602.24
<b>1950</b>	
March .....	391,057.87
June .....	526,448.06
September .....	680,989.66
December .....	470,511.04
<b>1951</b>	
March .....	573,773.54
June .....	603,385.69
September .....	832,518.92
December .....	1,122,832.84
<b>1952</b>	
March .....	1,418,242.35
June .....	1,397,827.78
September .....	1,837,450.49
December .....	1,458,439.70
<b>1953</b>	
March .....	1,458,876.96
June .....	1,650,052.47
September .....	1,723,872.01
December .....	1,594,851.00



### 1954

March .....	1,794,740.46
June .....	1,872,843.05
September .....	1,820,376.39
December .....	2,862,011.58

### 1955

March .....	1,917,154.98
June .....	1,904,222.16
September .....	2,199,701.55
December .....	2,085,007.26

An analysis of the comparative figures for 1954 and 1955 of members admitted to pension, returning to the trade, etc., shows a net decrease (in new members admitted to pension) one year over the other, of 13 members.

This fact can be explained in the decided increase in the number of men who returned to the trade, after they had gone on pension. Last year was a good year for the electrical industry and many men were needed—thus many old-timers

stayed at work and others returned to the trade.

However, the number of men *expected* to be on pension in 1955 was 6,471. The actual number was 6,991, more than 500 in excess of the figure projected by our actuaries.

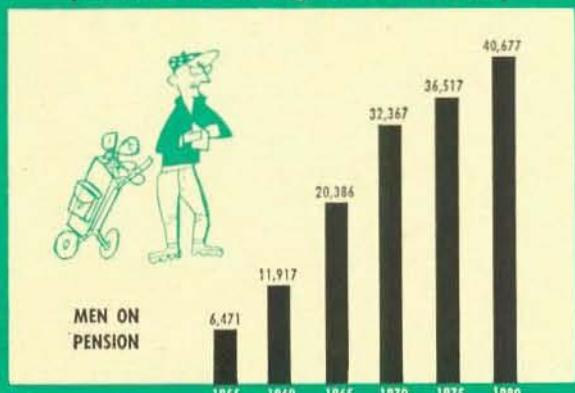
Your Trustees expect the number of members going on pension to rise very sharply from now on.

In 1935, as many will well recall, we had not yet recovered from the depression. The IBEW membership figure in 1935 was 56,635. Those are the members who are eligible to go on pension now. By 1937, our membership had climbed to 138,044. Those are the members who will have enough years of service to go on pension next year. (Of course in both instances some of these were non-beneficial members.)

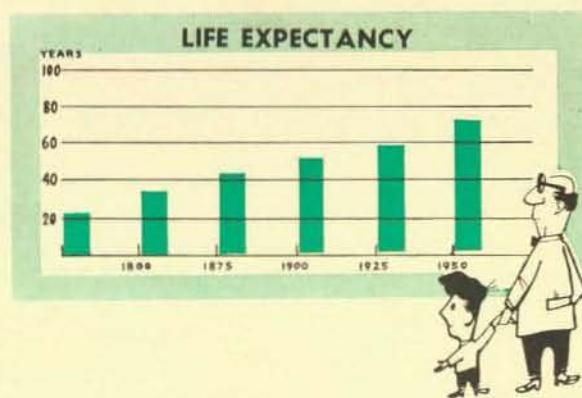
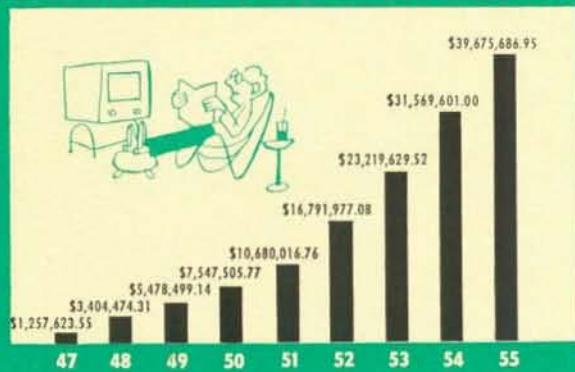
From 1937 on, our membership rolls have steadily increased, so that by 1980, our actuaries state we will have more than 40,000 on pension.

We know there are many, many workers who

### EXPECTED DEMAND ON PENSION FUND (ACCORDING TO ACTUARIAL STUDIES)



### ACCUMULATED TOTAL PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL BENEFIT BOARD



are only waiting for their 20-year anniversary date to pass, in order to make application for pension. And if a recession period should be visited on the country, our Pension rolls would mount in leaps and bounds.

There is another serious consideration which enters the Pension picture. It is an encouraging point but one that adds to our responsibility insofar as our Pension funds are concerned. We refer to man's life expectancy.

When our first printed Trustees report was issued in 1952, the life expectancy figure for a child born in that year, and taking into consideration wars, disease, accidents and everything else which might befall him, was 67 years.

Today that figure is just about 70. Life expectancy at birth in the United States has increased 23 years since 1900. And progress toward the elimination or control of diseases is adding an average of 4 years to our lives each decade.

These are wonderful figures but they do increase our Pension Plan difficulties. Members going on pension at age 65, the age at which our people are admitted to pension, now have a life expectancy of 13½ more years.

Because of these facts, your Trustees and other officers of both NECA and IBEW have taken necessary steps to strengthen and stabilize our Pension Fund. These steps have been summarized in previous reports.

The latest step in the stabilizing program was taken by the Brotherhood, in accord with its promise made at our annual meeting last year.

In June 1955, officers of the IBEW freely admitted the inequitable situation which existed



with regard to payments by employers into the Pension Fund.

Members of both the NECA and the IBEW felt that it was unjust for Contractors to be the only employers paying into a pension fund for Electrical Workers, from which employes working in other branches of the trade also benefitted.

Last November, members of the IBEW voted by referendum, 166,197 in favor to 34,042 opposed, that effective January 1, 1956, each "A" member working for any employer—not paying toward the Pension Fund—should pay \$1.00 a month additional for pension purposes. Effective January 1, 1957, this amount will be increased to \$1.60.

The additional money added to our Pension Fund by this measure, will not, of course, be reflected in our financial statements until our 1956 report is written, but it will go far toward building the some \$14,000,000 yearly, we will need to meet our Pension payments within a decade.

We are happy to report also that a considerable number of employers in fields outside construction, are joining with us every month and signing one percent agreements with the Brotherhood.

We are also happy to report on the progress of the IBEW Silver Jubilee Program, mentioned in previous Trustees' reports, whereby IBEW locals, members and friends, loan money to the Pension Fund and the interest so earned is added to the reserve fund. More than \$8 million has been loaned under this plan and the figure is increasing daily.

That concludes the salient points, the actions of concern to the operation of the Pension Plan since our June 1955 meeting.

Your trustees wish to offer a sincere word of thanks to the officers and members of the National Electrical Contractors' Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and to the members of the National Board for



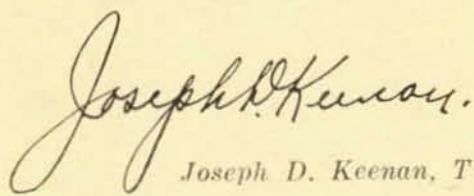
their help and cooperation during the past year.

Henry S. Owens and Company, Certified Public Accountants, have audited the books of the Trustees for the year 1955, and a copy of their audit has been furnished to all members of the Board.

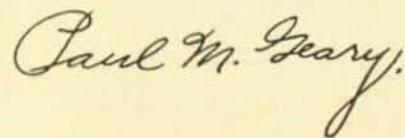
The final thought we should like to leave with you as we draw our report to a close is this. Each year brings new records, new heights, new opportunities to those of us fortunate enough to be a part of the electrical industry, in this which is truly an electrical century.

Electrical production and consumption is expected to double, perhaps triple, not in the centuries ahead, but in the next two decades.

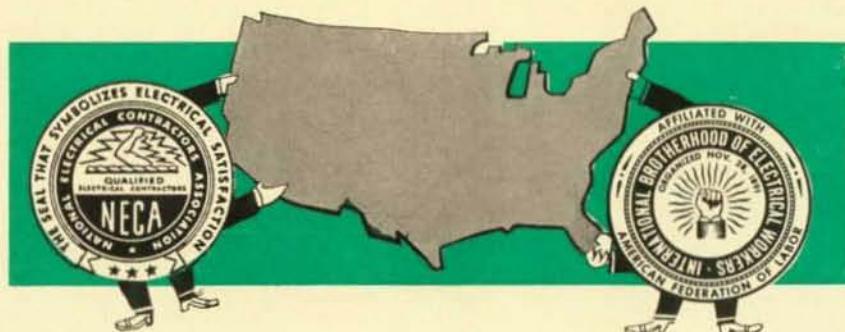
The United States has been first in the world of progress for many years. No small part of her progress has been due to her tremendous electrical resources and her use of them. In the years that stretch out ahead, we believe our country will yet see its greatest progress. We also believe that we of the NECA and the IBEW, will play a vital part in that progress. We further believe that by cooperating and working together, for the good of the industry and of the public we both serve, we can contribute our best effort to the preservation and progress of our nation—its democracy and its way of life.



Joseph D. Keenan, Trustee.



Paul M. Geary, Trustee.



## 15 Apprentices Feted By St. Louis Groups

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—On April 25, the Joint Apprentice Training Committee, composed of representatives of Local No. 1 and the St. Louis Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association, sponsored a dinner at which 15 young men were honored for completing four years of apprentice training in the electrical trade.

The dinner climaxed four years of work and training for these men who, having passed the required examinations, are now prepared to work as journeyman electricians. These young

men—most of whom are married and have families—face the future with a thorough knowledge of one of the finest and most interesting vocations in the building industry today. But, as they were admonished by one of

the speakers at the dinner, their learning will have to continue if they are to keep abreast of the industry's progress.

The value of apprentice training became apparent during the depres-

### Honors for St. Louis Apprentices



Head table guests at the dinner honoring apprentices of Local 1, St. Louis, Mo., were, from left: August F. Loepker, member, Local 1 Executive Board, Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee; Adolph Fremder, chairman, N.E.C.A. Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee; Joseph Cousin, executive secretary, Building and Construction Trades Council; Clifford Hervey, governor, St. Louis Chapter, N.E.C.A.; Bill Damon, director, National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee; John Ledbetter, member, Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee; Aloys P. Kaufmann, president, St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, and former Mayor of St. Louis; Ed Redemeier, business manager, Local 1; George Gerstner, president, St. Louis Chapter, N.E.C.A.; Philip J. Hickey, superintendent of instruction, Board of Education; John O'Shea, president, Local 1 and member, Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee; John I. Rollings, president, Missouri State Federation of Labor; Frank Jacobs, Sr., vice president, Eleventh District, I.B.E.W.; Fred Oertli, chairman, National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee; William Webb, executive secretary, Central Trades and Labor Unions; Russell Vierheller, secretary-manager, St. Louis Chapter, N.E.C.A.; John Hinrichs, chairman, Painters' Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, and H. Lee Bruns, secretary-director, Electrician Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.



Local 1 Business Manager Ed Redemeier listens attentively to one of the evening's featured speakers, Aloys P. Kaufmann, former mayor of St. Louis and now president of the Chamber of Commerce. Other speeches were heard from International Vice President Frank Jacobs, center, and Fred Oertli, chairman of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.

## St. Louis Members Cited



The present graduating class of apprentices of Local 1 with their instructors and special guests. Seated left: Former Mayor of St. Louis and Present President of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, a very good union man, Aloys P. Kaufmann; Instructors Ken Anderson, Walter Proskey and Ray Lancaster, members of Local 1; Bill Damon, director, National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, and Frank Jacobs, International Vice President, I.B.E.W. Back row: Donald Mueller; Harold O'Rourke; Chas. Williams; Ralph Woelbling; Walter Mason, Jr.; Dave Browning, Jr.; Wm. Tate, Jr.; Wm. Kieth, Jr.; Jos. Smith; John Gamache; Edw. Peters, and Ray Oster, Jr.



Wm. Kieth, Jr., one of the graduating class, receives his diploma and a new pair of Klein pliers from Fred Oertli, who is the chairman of the Joint National Apprenticeship and Training Committee, while Vice President Frank Jacobs looks on. The scene at right took place on Friday, April 20th, when Local 1 paid tribute to one of our old timers, Jess Colvin, whom we all know and love as one of the very finest union men in the Brotherhood. Jess Colvin was honored for a half century of membership with the I.B.E.W. and was presented a 50-year pin and scroll by Frank Jacobs, International vice president.

sion years of the thirties. Prior to that time, apprentices were allowed to register at any age with the secretary, and, as a result, many boys were called for training before they finished high school. They were placed with contractors for on-the-job training, and after four years of work were made journeymen. Often they had only a working knowledge of the trade . . . theory was not required and was left to the student's initiative.

Now because of a broader understanding between labor and management, a very fine educational program is in existence in St. Louis. A young

man employed as an apprentice must first pass an aptitude test and must continue to show suitable progress during his apprentice training. The contractor and journeymen with whom the apprentice works are questioned regularly and if the young man is discovered to be a "square peg in a round hole" it is suggested that he find an industry more to his liking.

The genuine interest in the welfare of these young men by the local unions, contractors, and the Federal, State, and city governments has helped to raise the electrical industry from a trade to a profession.

Those honoring the apprentices at

the dinner included: Philip J. Hickey, superintendent of instruction, Board of Education; John I. Rollings, president, Missouri State Federation of Labor; Aloys P. Kaufmann, president, Chamber of Commerce, Joseph Cousin, executive secretary, Building and Construction Trades Council, Bill Damon, director, National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, and Frank Jacobs, Sr., vice-president, Eleventh District, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Members of I.B.E.W. Local 1 who received their certificates of completion of apprenticeship training were: Norman G. Bennett, David A. Brown-

ing, Robert F. Ebling (in military service at present) John E. Gamache, William N. Keith, Jr., Walter A. Mason, Jr., Donald W. Mueller, Harold A. O'Rourke, Raymond W. Oster, Jr., Edwin J. Peters, Joseph E. Smith, William A. Tate, Jr., Gene C. Turner, Charles F. Williams, and Ralph A. Woelbling.

FRANK A. KAUFFMAN, P.S.

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## Member's Son Wins Scholarship Award

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—On April 26, the 8th Annual Father William J. Kelley Scholarship Award was presented to the son of one of our members, Charles Levenstein. This scholarship is awarded each year and provides full tuition for a four-year period at Cornell University in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

On June 2, 20 to 25 additional scholarships will be awarded. This is the result of a clause in our collective bargaining agreement which provides that scholarships be awarded by electrical contractors. These scholarships are in the following colleges: Columbia, Barnard, Fordham, New York University. The successful contestants select their courses of study in one of the above colleges, and in the following fields of endeavor: Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Medicine, Dentistry, Education, Law, Business Administration, Social Science. At present, there are 62 scholarship winners already attending the colleges and universities mentioned previously.

The membership of our local union adopted an action to accept into membership more apprentices. The action was taken following a recommendation by our Apprenticeship Committee. In all cases, applicants must be high school graduates between 18 and 20 years of age. Exception, of course, will be made for youths in the Armed Forces or who are now attending college.

It is a real pleasure to report that the Vacation Committee of our Industry Board voted that the vacation expense allowance for each of our members will be \$245.00. The \$245.00 represents the highest amount voted for vacation allowance since our vacation plan was introduced in the Joint Industry Board Agreement for 1951.

In the January 1956 issue of *The Readers Digest*, several pages were devoted to the activities of our local union. It is gratifying that this favorable article for all of organized labor has now been translated into six different languages; that more than 4,000,000 people abroad will read this story and the message of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

## L. A. Service Pins Awarded



Bradley Cozzens, Assistant Chief Electrical Engineer of the Department of Water and Power (second from left) was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Local 18's Supervisor's Unit No. 12 in Los Angeles, Calif. Beside him are Brother Evan Hughes who was presented with a 50-year pin and Brother Fred Snyder (Assistant General Line Foreman) who retired April 30th. Brother E. P. Taylor, Business Manager, (extreme right) made the presentations with obvious pleasure.



Brother Evan Hughes, retired member of Local 18, is presented with his 50-year pin by Brother E. P. Taylor, Business Manager, while Brother John Rutter, President of our Supervisor's Unit, hands Brother Hughes his citation. Looking on are retired Brothers Fred Snyder (extreme left) and Floyd Spaulding. Brother Hughes was presented with his pin at a dinner of our Supervisor's Unit 12.



George W. Bradley, retired, former member of Local 1, St. Louis, now living in Whittier, California, is presented with a 50-year pin by Brother A. J. McFerrin, President of Local 18, while Brother E. P. Taylor, Business Manager reads citation.

The DBM Maintenance Division of our union recently signed an agreement with Howard Clothes after an intensive organizing drive. Retroactive to January 1, the agreement provides substantial wage increases over a period of three years. The collective bargaining agreement contains many benefits and improved working conditions for our members. Our members employed by this company do all of the maintenance work on all equipment in the main plants in New York City.

On May 19, 1956 the general elections of Local Union No. 3 took place. All of the officers were up for re-election with the exception of the business manager, who has a four-year term, who will be up for re-election in 1958. What is exciting about the election is the fact that the total vote went up from 14,470 in 1954 to 15,915 on May 19. This means more and more members participation in elections.

Our union has encouraged direct membership activity in our union's affairs. We believe in more union democracy, in more and more members voting in the privacy of a booth where no one but the member alone knows his decision. This is inspiring to anyone who believes in free trade unionism. I am very happy to report that all of the incumbent officers were reelected by a very substantial majority.

That's all for this month. I'll be talking with you soon again.

ARMAND D'ANGELO, P. S.

## Praises Organization Of Omaha Area Shops

L. U. 22, OMAHA, NEB.—Greetings to all I.B.E.W. members from Local Union No. 22. After a slow start in the first quarter of 1956, work has now started to pick up in this area. All indications point to another good year for our members. Omaha is growing fast and is making great progress in the industrial field. Our local union is keeping step with the City of Omaha and is not only showing rapid growth in our membership but in the organizational field as well. Business Manager Ed Hemmingson and his assistant, Charles Burns, are doing a wonderful job and you have to look close to find a non-union shop in the city at the present time.

Our local union sponsored a bowling league of 12 teams composed of members from the local. They have just finished their schedule and here are some of the winners. The "Wire Twisters," whose picture I am enclosing were the winning team having won 69 games and losing 30. The "Kilowatts" took both the high team game and the high team series. Brother Leo Dobrovolny, Sr., took the high single series with 648, while Ralph Cowl was high singles game winner with 254. The honor for the most improved bowler went to Paul Jaksich whose average increased from 112 at the 7th week to 134 at the close of the season. This was Brother Jaksich's first season as a bowler.

The local's summer mixed team

bowling league is just starting with 12 teams rolling. Will tell you more about them in my next letter.

Our soft ball team is entered in the Club League and won its first and only game so far by a score of 12 to 0. Looks like we have a real good team this year but they will have to hurry to beat the record run up by our team of last year.

Our Executive Board has begun negotiating with the employers for a new wage scale, effective July 1, 1956, and we are all confident they will bring in something that will be satisfactory to the membership.

Our Local Union elections are scheduled for June 21, 1956, so you will hear from us in the August issue if we are still on the job.

ALBERT GUSTAFSON, P. S.

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## Trophies Presented At Annual Banquet

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—The Bowling League held its 12th Annual Banquet which concluded the 1955-1956 season, on Friday, May 11, 1956.

Trophies were presented to many of the members and the teams with the high scores. There were also awards for second and third place scores. I have enclosed with the article a few photographs of some of the winners.

Local Union 28 will go to Washington, D.C. for a match with Local Union 26 June 2nd. Here is hoping that Baltimore makes a better showing this year. Last year Local Union 26 beat our local, rolling in Baltimore.

The Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee sponsored by Local Union 28 and the Maryland Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association, in cooperation with the Department of Education and Bureau of Apprenticeship, U. S. Department of Labor, held its 4th Annual Graduation and Dinner at the Sheraton-Belvedere Hotel on Tuesday, May 15th, 1956.

After the dinner the speakers of the evening were "Bill" Damon, director, National Joint Apprenticeship Program, followed by Doctor Charles W. Sylvester the assistant superintendent, Department of Education and Brother John A. Beck, vice president—District 2, NECA.

The address for the graduating class was given by Dr. John H. Fisher, superintendent, Department of Education.

Greetings were extended and presentation of certificates was made by Brother Carl G. Scholtz, business manager of Local Union 28, to the 62 graduates.

In attendance were officers and representatives of all organizations concerned and the faculty.

The banquet was a huge success due to the tireless efforts of Brother

## Win Omaha Bowling Tourney

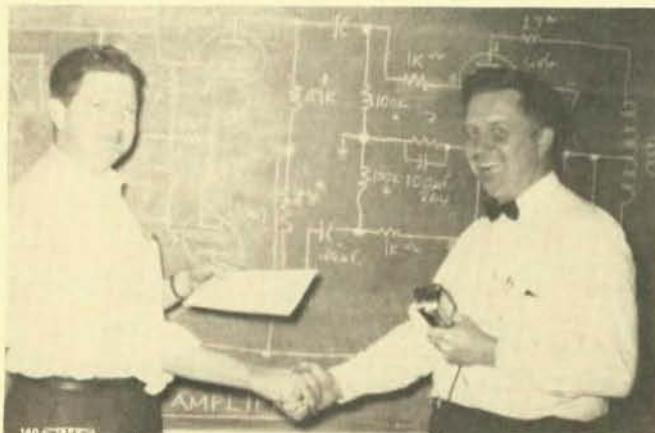


The Wire Twisters were the winners of the Local 22-sponsored bowling league this year for members of the Omaha, Nebr., local. The team was made up of, left to right, front row: Leo Dobrovolny, Jr.; Paul Jaksich; Frank Franco. Back row: Leo Dobrovolny, Sr.; Tony Stodolny, and Gary Hoffman.

## Highlights from Baltimore Local



These members of Local 28, Baltimore, Md., were the stand-outs of this season's bowling competition. From left are: Raymond Knoedler, high average, 112.31; Anthony Stass, high single game, 171, and Marcus Ritgert, high set, 400. The local is proud of all three.



Brother Roy Vaile of Local 28 on left receives his certificate for completion of Prescribed Vocational Course from Instructor Donald Banke, in scene on left. The certificate is awarded by the Department of Education, Division of Vocational Education, Baltimore, Md. At right, these members of Local 28 Electronics class are setting up equipment for open house night. From left to right, they are: Albert Wissel; Donald Banke, the instructor; William Rush; Roy Vaile, and Melvin Medicus.

Albert C. Hoffman who is not only the director of apprenticeship training but is business manager of the Sign Workers of Local 28. He made all arrangements for the banquet and graduation exercises. A vote of thanks from all!

HARRY F. HAMILL, P. S.

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### Take Part in N. Y. Loyalty Day Parade

L. U. 41, BUFFALO, N. Y.—While still under the spell of winter this local union participated in a Loyalty Day Parade sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. It was held on April 29, 1956.

By 2:00 p.m. parade time, everything was in readiness. You could hear the bands and drum corps limbering up and see crowds forming along Main Street.

Then in the distance you could see the flashing lights of the Buffalo Police Motorcycle Battalion. Following was the mounted patrol and the parade was under way. Flags were waving and music blaring as the various divisions marched past the reviewing stand. Among the thousands of marchers were units of the many local unions of the Niagara Frontier. Approximately 200 members of Local 41 participated in the annual affair.

Well represented was the Duane Ford Electrical Post No. 1, consisting of Veterans of all services and all wars, all members of Local 41. Following were the officers and members of 41, and then a well-represented group of our pensioners riding in a half dozen cars. Quickly following, for fear of rain, were drum corps, floats, fire apparatus, drill teams, American Legion and V.F.W. units,

gaily decorated automobiles, armed forces units and many more.

All in all everyone was marching their best for the same purpose, to show the world that we stand united against communism and brutality. Great numbers of people from foreign lands marched for freedom also. Included were people from Latvia, Estonia, the Ukraine, Russia, Hungary, and many others too numerous to mention. When the parade was about one half finished the clouds opened and rain literally came down in "buckets," but everyone stayed with it because the cause was a just one.

All over the country similar parades took place and my only hope is more and more join with us until the whole world reflects the same feeling. Local 41 is proud to be able to participate in this annual affair and have hopes that with future years we will be out

in ever greater numbers. Bye for now.

RICHARD HOPPEL, P. S.

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## Kay Electric Keglers Capture First Place

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The month of May was a busy one for all those concerned with the social, business and educational affairs of Local 43. The Bowling League wound up its activities for the season with first place going to the team representing The Kay Electric Company; second place to the team from the Alex F. Jones Electric Corporation and third honors to those from Beck Electric Company.

The Negotiating Committee has been very active and the results of the meetings with the contractors will have been announced before this letter appears in print.

The special educational committee appointed by the president of the local to survey the need for and to establish the procedures required to set up a course of applied electronics for journeymen, has fulfilled its assignment and can now report.

Arrangements have been completed with Dr. Edward H. Lang, Director of Vocational Education, Syracuse Board of Education, whereby Mr. Merwin M. Jones, principal of the Occupational Extension Program, will offer such a course for the journeymen working under the jurisdiction of Local Union 43, beginning September 17th. The committee, consisting of Ed Murphy, chairman, John Fayle, Leonard Schwanke and Bill Night, received 70 card returns from members expressing their desire to attend a course in applied electronics. With this as a basis, the committee met with Dr. Lang and Mr. Jones and explained the needs of our members in the rapidly developing field of applied electronics.

The representatives of the Board of Education were greatly impressed by this expressed interest in the educational extension program and agreed to establish an introductory course in electronics that will begin on Sep-

tember 17th and end on December 3rd—well ahead of the holiday season—and presented in such a manner that any journeyman with the basic knowledge of circuits possessed by him may obtain a working understanding of electronics. Attendance will be for one night a week from 6.40 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Smith Technical and Industrial High School.

However, because of the large number of men expected to enroll in the course, identical classes will be held on three separate evenings—Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Applicants may choose the night most convenient for them. Through this set-up, a participant in the course who is unable to attend the class on his regular night may, for that week, attend one of the other sessions without a break in his attendance.

The only cost to the individual will be for the printed units of instruction, amounting to \$3.00 for the course. All other expenses, including the salary of an electronics engineer instructor, will be assumed by the Syracuse Board of Education.

Application blanks are being prepared and, when ready, will be available at the office of Local 43 or may be obtained from any member of the committee. It will be advisable to fill out the application as soon as possible in order to select the night most convenient, as the number in each class will be limited to 25 and the rule of "first come—first served" will prevail. It is planned to offer an advanced course in January for those members who have completed the introductory course, but no additional introductory course will be available until the following September of 1957. So, get on the band wagon now and prepare yourself for the expanding requirements of the electronic age.

BILL NIGHT, P. S.

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## Spring Slack Felt In Seattle Area

L. U. 46, SEATTLE, WASH.—As this is being written our Local is pulling

out of an unusual spring quiet spell that found things a little slow in construction and the shipyards. New starts in home construction and large size buildings fell off for some months, the residential drop due to tighter credit policies of the government. We are hoping for a brighter summer as marine work has taken up the slack for some of our uptown men.

The story of the Union Industries Show held recently in Seattle will probably have appeared elsewhere in the JOURNAL by now but we would like to report on the many many compliments we received on the display booth sponsored by our International Office. I.B.E.W. President Gordon Freeman, Secretary Joe Keenan, and their publicity specialist Marie Downey and Doris Froman who handles union labels in the International Office, made the electricians booth one of the most popular of all.

The big show, although it was planned a year in advance to make the public "union label" conscious, came at an opportune time for our people who are fighting a "Right-to-Work" initiative in the State of Washington. Thousands of dollars of "outside" money is behind this "two-faced" movement but by concerted action on the part of all our labor leaders we have up to now been holding the line against powerful "backstage" forces. Shortly after the labor and industries display of how the unions fit into our industrial picture, several of our state's politicians spoke out publicly for the first time against the "Right-to-Work" laws. They thus join a number of church leaders who have had the courage to speak out on the moral issues involved in this attempt to destroy benefits won by years of constant effort.

If any of our members reading this have not been receiving their copies of the *State Labor News*—the official newspaper of the Seattle Central Labor Council—please notify the office. In these coming months before the elections, the dailies will carry propaganda as never before and news important to the wage earner will often be glossed over. Be sure to read your labor newspaper.

Missed by all who worked with them are the following members of our local who have recently passed away: Paul Enfield, Ralph W. Smith, John W. Belford, James William Langan, Clifford Hansen, John W. Grave, and Fred Hearthneck who was a former business representative of Local 46.

KNUTE MALLETT, P. S.

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## Bright Future Seen By Utility Local

L. U. 47, ALHAMBRA, CALIF.—Several issues of the JOURNAL have



Members of Local 41, Buffalo, N. Y., are proud of the part they took in the recent Loyalty Day Parade sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

been published since Local 47 had its last article in "Local Lines." However, things are going very well for our utility local, and being in Southern California, the work situation is not only good but steady.

The Southern California Edison Company has continued to experience phenomenal expansion. While the over-all bargaining unit has not grown as rapidly as the business, the future looks very bright.

The Edison is currently working on an interesting project in the Santa Susana Mountains, north of Los Angeles, whereby they can utilize the heat produced by the Sodium Reactor Experiment to produce electricity for domestic and industrial use. The Sodium Reactor Experiment was designed, is being built, and will be operated for the Atomic Energy Commission by Atomics International, a Division of North American Aviation, Inc. This project will undoubtedly draw considerable attention in the months ahead.

We are pleased to forward the JOURNAL a picture of a recent invention by Brother Gerald H. Loock. Brother Loock is President of KOM-PAC Barricade Company. With the safety of the general public and the working people in mind, Brother Loock developed this very efficient, light weight, medium priced barricade. Any particulars may be received by contacting KOM-PAC Barricade Company, 1020 Towne Avenue, Los Angeles 54, California.

Our Local union is currently compiling data for our negotiations this fall. We hope to make improvements in the vacation program as well as in the holidays and other items. Our present wage scale is \$2.652 per hour for journeymen, and we are anticipating increasing this rate somewhat.

R. R. RAPATTONI, P. S.

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## Describes Seattle's Union-Industries Show

L. U. 77, SEATTLE, WASH.—Seattle was lucky enough to be the site of this year's Union Industries Show. It drew crowds the equal of, if not larger than, anything such as this type of show has ever drawn. I truly enjoyed it and what a nice feeling to be welcomed for free and then given things to top it off. Local Unions 77 and 46, with the International, had a nice booth with the largest lamp, the smallest motor, closed circuit TV, glass blowing and some beautiful appliances for free prizes.

I must say, of the whole show however, the Packinghouse Workers drew my vote. Their display was firmly based on girls—girls—girls!

The revision of the Electrical and Communication Workers Safety Rules has been approved. It has been



Jack Smith, Marv Ayler, Chuck Brown and Nils Hammersmark are four members of Local 46 who for several years have donated their services to the Seattle, Wash., Boy Scout "Scoutlatch" and Cub Scout "Clamoroma". They install floodlighting and power for display booths where thousands of scouts annually show the public samples of their varied activities. The signs represent the scout merit badges for passing tests in electricity and radio.

strengthened in three ways of importance to L. U. 77 members. First in use of man-lift equipment, second foremen working, and third switching and dispatching of high voltage lines.

The Substation and Hydro Operators of the Northwest toured Coulee Dam and held their annual dinner April 27. The sponsor was Local 77's Unit 129, with members in attendance from Local Unions 77, 125, 213, 230, 483, 716 and 821.

Al Martin, former business manager of Local 77, died March 3, 1956. In recent years he has been personnel manager for the Seattle Transit Commission.

Did you know Local 77 was chartered 59 years ago on August 28, 1897?

J. M. HAMMOND, P. S.

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The "Men at Work" sign above was invented by Brother Gerald Loock, member of Local 47, Alhambra, Calif. The KOM-PAK Barricade is light weight, sturdy, and will not blow over in the wind or when placed on the highway. It is also equipped to hold lanterns or blinker signals.

## Elect Delegates to Va. Federation Meet

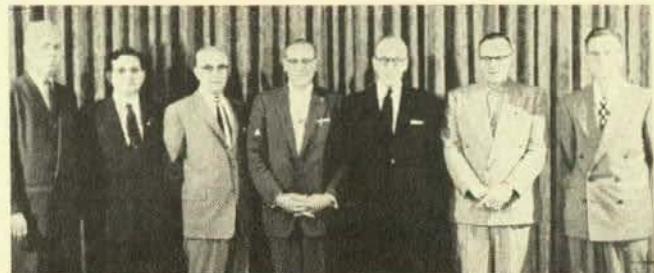
L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—Greetings. At our last regular meeting Brothers W. O. White, assistant business manager, and E. M. Key were elected delegates to the Virginia State Federation of Labor held in Richmond, Virginia, June 4, 5, 6 and 7, at which time the AFL-CIO amalgamation was slated for action.

We are glad to announce that Brothers J. W. Amory, president, and Alex Mutter have weathered their operations and are back home, and will soon be able to go back to work. We are also glad that Brothers Beasley and Paul Benjamin are well and back to work.

Local 80 is graduating 15 apprentices this year and will publish their pictures and names after they have proven their ability.

We don't have the exact number

## Honor St. Paul Graduates



At the first annual Completion Ceremonies of Local 110, St. Paul, Minn., invited guests at the dinner were, left to right: William Booth, chapter president; Gus E. Brissman, Local 110 president; Francis G. Werden; "Bill" Damon; Dan Gephart, chapter manager, and Chas. R. Brett, Local 110 business manager. Apprenticeship Committee members are seen at right: Edward Hoffmann, Hoffman Lighting and Construction Co.; John Franklin, Local 110 recording secretary; Gus E. Brissman, Local 110 president; Dan Gephart, chapter manager; "Bill" Damon; Charles Brett, Local 110 business manager, and Olav Solie, Local 110 Executive Board member.



Local Union officers, seated, left to right: Brothers Ray Quinlan, Executive Board secretary; Thomas Griffin, Executive Board chairman; President Gus E. Brissman; James Deeg, Executive Board member; Chas. R. Brett, business manager; George Schultz, Executive Board member. Standing, left to right: Olav Sorlie, Executive Board member; Harold F. Buck, assistant business manager; John Franklin, recording secretary; Theodore Warnlof, Executive Board member, and James Curran, assistant business manager.



Graduating apprentices, seated left to right: Erwin Utech; Richard Svoboda; Francis Hanson; Boyd Dufour; Donald Wall; John Alander; Dwane Djos; Leslie Gonyer; Gerald Van Linder. Standing, left to right: Robert Ryan; Richard Bill; Thomas Garney; David Youngren; Archie Sperry; James Devine; Thomas Langer; Robt. Johnson; Dale Johnson; Gordon Johnson; George Adam; Robt. Fischler; Venzel Lindholm, and Lawrence Schultz.

but will venture that about 60 percent of our members are now out of town. The continuous raising of the interest rate may have something to do with it, as it is common news these days to hear or read of various projects being delayed.

All members of organized labor should rejoice in the fact that the "Right-to-Work" law (pertaining to railroads) has recently been clipped by the Supreme Court. Justice Douglas for the unanimous court, justified this decision in two major ways. One was the power of Congress to regulate labor in interstate industries, the other was Article VI of the Constitution. It now seems quite significant to note that the clause in Taft-Hartley that yields this power, to regulate labor in interstate industries, was duly enacted by Congress and whether or not ratification was necessary for the traditional amendment of Article VI, may be in labor's favor.

If such could be the case, it now becomes incumbent upon Congress to turn the heads of this two-headed creature both in the same direction, for the job is only half done. The "Right-to-Work" law is fulfilling its mission, in this area, at a speed away beyond even its perpetrator's dream.

Since the inception of this law, the "white-card" workers have availed themselves of the opportunity of learning the crude fundamentals of the trade, by getting a free tutelage while working under the direction of seasoned and capable union mechanics. However, it seems somewhat doubtful that the elapsed time has—as yet—been sufficient to produce any (what we term) finished journeymen. It would serve no useful purpose to indulge in individualities, most of which are common knowledge. We will state however, that as the Fair Labor Standards Act applies only to Federally financed construction, about 95 percent of all other work is now being done by unorganized workers (and some Civil Service workers, after hours and Sundays). With a somewhat fertile supply of manpower and an over-ripe boon for bargain hunters, the natural result is that seasoned and capable union journeymen are daily departing for enforced areas that have learned, by trial and error, that nothing of value is really cheap. After all, we only get what we pay for.

Our nearest municipal contemporary (the city of Newport News, home of Local Union 1340), seems to have overcome this industrial hazard by examining and licensing its Electrical Workers but, as yet, this section is wide open.

The members of the House of Representatives' 337-0 vote adding \$33.7 billion for national defense seems to be definite proof that the members have at long last decided they don't give a *heck* "how General Motors

goes," and that the sound and logical advice of our Russian ambassador and numerous aviation, military, naval and civilian experts doesn't necessarily prove they are "scare mongers," but rather that they gallantly offer it as a means for our survival as a nation in lieu of a balanced budget as a political expedient

J. V. (JOE) HOCKMAN, P.S.

## Spring Job Openings Slow in Developing

L. U. 100, FRESNO, CALIF.—June is just a few days away. The rise in employment that usually follows the ending of winter has been slow in developing. Several fair-sized buildings still lag on the drafting boards.

The mountain jobs, which are mostly Reclamation dams, without power houses, are slowly opening. They will use only a few men for maintenance. We look for a fair summer, but it hasn't started yet. Almost any section of California is ahead of Fresno. We are getting by because many of our boys are—or will—work out of town.

The city has established an efficiency system downgrading most employees. It is not complete yet. Our Brother Larry Marsh is doing some good work on a city committee.

Our president, Brother Lloyd Myers was one of the first to benefit from our Health and Welfare Plan. It paid the bill for his wife's operation.

Brother Al Woods is still pretty sick in the local Veteran's Hospital.

Our state Accident Commission is being a great help to us with a group of inspectors located here. They need more money appropriated for a local electrical inspector.

We have a Primary Election on June 5th. We are slowly, and painfully, learning to vote for the friends of labor. I remember, many years ago, hearing about Samuel Gompers berating any connection with labor and politics. Today, our enemies have resorted so successfully to political action, to cripple us with restrictive laws that we have no choice if we are to survive.

Like all groups, labor has often made mistakes, and alienated public sympathy. However, total extermination is not the answer. Millions of dollars will be spent on this election with just that thought in mind—extermination. It's a pretty critical time.

We are getting calls from faraway points about our so-called Mountain "power plants." As I explained, these are mostly simple dams for irrigation water and flood control. A dam uses almost all kinds of labor but few electricians.

Wild rumor always outdistances

facts. Who cannot remember some time when some local Brother approached him—looked him over carefully, to be sure he did not demean himself by being seen talking to someone from the wrong "clique," and whispered hoarsely "They're workin six tens in Peoria."

R. P. (FLASH) GORDON, P.S.

## Hold First Annual Completion Ceremony

L. U. 110, ST. PAUL, MINN.—The St. Paul Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Committee sponsored the first Annual Completion Ceremony for 26 graduating apprentices at the Commodore Hotel on April 18.

Principal speaker was "Bill" Damon, director of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. Francis G. Werden, former International Representative and presently Executive Secretary of the Minnesota State Board of Electricity, spoke on "What your State license means to you."

The St. Paul Apprenticeship Committee is supported by a 2 per cent of 1 percent of the Contractors' payroll.

"Bill" Damon presented the certificates to the apprentices and each graduate was given a wallet with his initials engraved on the outside and the following inscription inside—"1956 Completion Ceremony, presented by NECA, Minnesota (St. Paul) Chapter, Local Union 110, I. B. E. W."

We recently completed our negotiations for a three-year contract with the following results:

Thirteen changes in working conditions and a 12 cent per hour increase effective June 1, 1956 plus 10 percent for benefits; 13 cent per hour increase on May 1, 1957 plus 10 percent for benefits and 13 cents per hour increase on May 1, 1958 plus 10 percent for benefits.

In addition to the above scales, the contractors pay 1 percent of the payroll into the I.B.E.W. Pension Fund for our Electrical Workers pension.

Business Manager Charles R. Brett, President Gus E. Brissman and the Executive Board Members Olav Sorlie, Thomas Griffin, James Deeg, George Schultz, Ray Quinlan, Theodore Warnlof and Donald Barber represented the union in these negotiations with the NECA, Minnesota (St. Paul) Chapter.

JOHN C. FRANKLIN, P.S.

## Graduate Apprentices In Joint Ceremonies

L. U. 113, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—One more try at an article

## New Colorado Journeymen



The nine graduating apprentices of Local 113, Colorado Springs, Colo., are seen with their teachers. The instructors are: seated on the desk—Bro. Jack Fischer, and standing at the far right—Bro. Arnold Cunningham. The new journeymen are from left to right: Harold L. Olsen; Allen E. Thomas; Robert J. Egan; Marlyn E. Brown; Lewis D. Pettit; Kenneth E. Diller; Wilford I. Summers, and Richard E. Thompson. Not shown in the picture is Charles W. Eaton, also a class member.

for our JOURNAL with fond hopes of having a regular press secretary (any volunteers?) in the near future.

We feel the subject matter of this article is worthy of being printed in our JOURNAL. Enclosed is a picture of our recent graduating class of nine apprentices shown with our two able instructors.

This graduation ceremony is a joint ceremony for all crafts in the Pikes Peak Area, being sponsored by the General Apprenticeship Advisory Committee of Colorado Springs (composed of the secretary and chairman of each craft joint committees plus the business managers—yours truly being chairman at this time), in co-operation with the Colorado State Board for Vocational Education Bureau of Apprenticeship, U. S. Department of Labor, U. S. Veterans Administration and School District No. 11. There were a total of 42 in all crafts who graduated.

We were pleased no end that local electrical contractors and others ran newspaper ads congratulating all apprentices, especially those employed in their own particular shops.

The local NECA chapter ran an ad of congratulations showing the picture enclosed, under which the following appeared—"and if you are a Do-It-Yourself" fan—remember these young men spent 8,000 hours of on-the-job training and not less than 576 hours in night classroom work to become fully qualified electricians.

"So play safe and have your electrical modernization done by a qualified electrician who works for a qualified electrical contractor." The emblem of NECA, a note that "your qualified contractor displays this emblem," and

"live better electrically," were also included in the ad.

Our speaker was Major Robert H. Armstrong from CONAD who spoke on the subject of skilled trades and National Defense—a very capable speaker with timely material. Darius Allen, local postmaster acted as master of ceremonies.

Once again we wish to point out the fact that the Air Academy is not really underway. We have had a considerable number of Brotherhood members waste time and money to travel to Colorado Springs only to find we could not use men. Your business manager will be the first to know when and if we need men so contact him if you wish to be on this job.

ELDON G. COLE, B. M.

### Full Work Schedule For London Members

L. U. 120, LONDON, ONT.—This is my first letter to "Local Lines" in a couple of months. The writer has been rather handicapped by a malignant infection of the left hand, but thanks to Dr. Curie and modern day medical science, he can again use the typewriter to the extent of at least 200 words per-hour that is.

Work has been fairly consistent in this area for some time now and it looks as if it will continue. All of our members who are physically fit are working.

We submitted our new agreement to the contractors very early this year in hopes that the new contract would be signed, sealed and effective

as of June 1st. But what fools we mortals be! Early negotiations went along very smoothly despite the fact that the entire agreement had been practically rewritten, but we did bog down at last and agreed to disagree on two minor points—hourly rate and statutory holidays. We figured they were minor in that we had already agreed upon nearly 30 some other points. At present we are still waiting for the appointment of a Conciliation Board and "as the mills of the Gods grind slowly but exceedingly fine," it looks as if this year's contract will be later than ever.

Local 120 now has three units—the inside wiremen which is essentially Local 120, the railroad members are covered by Local 120-1 and recently, after getting our charter changed to cover "BA" members we were successful in signing up the London employees of the Dominion Protective Company under Local 120-2. The agreement for the latter has been mutually agreed to, but inasmuch as it is still in process of being signed we cannot give out the terms of that agreement at this time.

The railroad members are in a somewhat better frame of mind now that their agreement has finally been signed after long months of negotiating. The new terms give them an 11 percent increase across the board, seven paid statutory holidays, and a new health and welfare plan—the terms of which are now being worked out for its application as of January 1st, 1957. In the meantime, the railroad members are wondering just what the terms of the new plan will be, will it give adequate coverage and what will it eventually cost the individual? Time alone will tell and anyway, it will not make much difference in 50 years time.

THOMAS HINDLEY, P. S.

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### Utility Negotiations Progress Satisfactorily

L. U. 125, PORTLAND, ORE.—Negotiations with several of the utilities with which we hold contracts are progressing satisfactorily with results that follow the area pattern of a 5.5 percent increase in wages and additional fringe benefits.

The one particular sore spot in our jurisdiction that has caused a continuing headache for several years was relieved this year with the elimination of an escalator clause in one of our contracts and the substitution of the going area wage rate (\$2.85 per hour for utility journeyman lineman) in its stead. Five years ago the Brothers working under this contract were of the opinion that the escalator plan, in conjunction with a job improvement clause, would be to

their best interests. Time proved otherwise and for the past two or three years these Brothers have suffered wage-wise and tensions developed. These have now disappeared, what with a 26-cent-per-hour increase, and the badge of happiness, a smile and a pleasant word, is again prevalent.

April 18th was rather a full day for our business manager and his assistants conferring with a galaxy of top International Officers who were in Portland as our special guests at our annual "Old Timers" dinner. We were very fortunate in having so many present to greet the 75 old-time members who gathered to celebrate this event and meet International President Freeman, International Secretary Keenan, Vice President Harbak, I.E.C. Member Foehn, and International Representatives Heiss and Hayden. This was President Freeman's first visit to our city and state and we feel quite certain that the perfect weather which greeted him upon arrival, weather which in no manner was related to the arrival of our guests from California, will entice him back again. We hope that

his next visit will not be of such short duration so that a little time can be spent in viewing some of the scenic spots of our fair part of the Northwest.

We took advantage of the presence of our International Officers to bring them together with members of management from the several utilities, both public and private, and outside contractors with whom we hold contracts, at a noon luncheon. It was a very successful gathering and another step toward building better relations between labor and management.

These annual "Old Timer" meetings are always interesting. It is interesting to watch the retired Brothers renew old acquaintance, listen to their conversation and to speculate on the conditions that will be prevailing when we step over the line. By listening one realizes that many heartaches and hardships have gone into the continuing effort to build our union. The type of effort seems to have changed over the years and today it seems that considerable effort must be expended in an attempt to overcome the complacency of our members.

During the past year 14 additional members were entered on our retirement roll and 17 passed over the great divide. A total of 144 members are presently on retirement and enjoying the benefits of our Pension Plan. To these Brothers we extend our best wishes and hope that we will see them all again next year.

FLOYD D. PARKER, P. S.

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### Rate of \$3.50 Set In Ohio Negotiations

L. U. 129, LORAIN, OHIO—The regular meeting of Local 129 was held May 29th with a very fine attendance. Good attendance is what makes a strong union.

It was voted to cancel the last meeting of the month during June, July and August.

We have just finished negotiating for a new contract. A good raise in wages was obtained. The rate is \$3.50 per hour as of May 28, 1956 and \$3.60, September 1, 1956. Also, a 16½-cent raise will become automatically effective May 1, 1957.

### I. O. Leaders at Conference



Local 125, Portland, Ore., recently took advantage of the presence of our International officers in their area to confer with utility leaders and outside contractors at a luncheon meeting. At the head table are: International Executive Council Member Charles Foehn; International Vice President O. G. Harbak; International Secretary Keenan; International President Freeman; Local 125 President R. J. Quinby; Retired Former Business Manager of Local 125 Robert I. Clayton; International Representative Gene Heiss, and Local 125 Business Manager W. L. Vinson.



President Freeman, Brother Quinby and Secretary Keenan were featured speakers.

## Victorious Labor-Supported Candidate



Local 130, New Orleans, La., sends us word that one of its members, Brother N. J. Lapara, has been chosen to represent his district in the U. S. House of Representatives. At right, Brother and Mrs. Lapara, standing, are congratulated by Joe Lee of the Painters' Union and Raynol Ariatti of the Glass Workers on the evening of his victory.

thanks to the good work of the Negotiating Committee.

We have just started a blood bank for the exclusive use of the members of Local 129. By a previous arrangement three registered nurses were on duty at our regular meeting to type blood. Over 70 members responded and were typed. It is planned to keep 20 pints of blood on hand for immediate use of any member. It will be available for use at any hospital in Lorain County. I think this is a fine arrangement and will be good for all locals to have. One never knows when an emergency may arise, especially in our type of hazardous work.

We of Local 129 are very fortunate in having Gaylord B. Tucker, Lorain City electrical inspector, as a member. He has been able to help us in many ways that do not appear on the horizon. At our meeting, he gave a fine report of a conference that he attended in Columbus, Ohio held by all electrical inspectors throughout the state. Mr. Tucker is putting forth much effort in trying to organize a county-wide Electrical Inspection System. This system has been operating in New York and Pennsylvania for several years and works out very nicely.

Work in this locality is picking up with several men already called back from Sandusky and Cleveland. Soon, there will be men here from out of town. I hope it will give us a chance to return some of the good turns our neighboring locals have given us in the past few years, such Locals as 8, Toledo; 867, Sandusky; 38, Cleveland; 673, Painesville, and locals south of Lorain.

So long for now.

BILL CRANDALL, P. S.

### Preliminary Report Before Law's Revocation

L. U. 130, NEW ORLEANS, LA.—At the present writing working people in the State of Louisiana have high hopes that theirs may be the first of 18 states to repeal a misnamed "Right-to-Work" law, following wholesale defeat of the anti-labor measures sponsored in recent primaries.

Fourteen State senators of the original 22 proponents of the "Right-to-Work" law have been defeated or removed from office, seven were re-elected and one died.

Of the original 58 proponents in the House of Representatives, 30 have been defeated or removed from office and 28 have been reelected.

Many of the victorious candidates were officially endorsed by the Louisiana Labor League for Political Education.

In the New Orleans area, although all the candidates officially endorsed by labor were not elected, we gained three votes, two in the House and one in the Senate, since all the people elected, in the second primary are favorable to labor.

In the Baton Rouge area two state senators and a representative who voted for the "Right-to-Work" bill in 1954 were defeated.

With the help, support and cooperation of all local unions, the Central Trades and Labor Council, and the endorsement of the L.L.P.E. Local Union 130 is happy to announce that Brother N. J. "Nick" Lapara has been elected to the House of Representatives. Brother Lapara is 35 years old and has been an active member in Local Union 130 since 1942. Nick was one of the first to sign his name to the "Repeal of the Right-To-Work"

bill along with seven senators and 20 members of the House from the Orleans area.

We now have a majority in the Senate and in the House to Repeal the Anti-Labor measure in May. Here's hoping that all of our friends push the right button when voting time comes!!

*Editor's Note: We are sure all I.B.E.W. members extend warm congratulations to L.U. 130 and our other locals in Louisiana on their successful efforts to rid themselves of their vicious "Right-to-Work" law. We hope other states will have the courage to follow Louisiana's lead.*

ANTHONY R. ZIEGLER, P. S.

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### Decatur Benefit Plan Now in Full Swing

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—This article will be short and sweet, due to the generosity of the *Journal* in publishing our pictures and article in last month's issue. Perhaps the best news we have at the present writing is the fact that the union's Benefit Plan is now in full force. Members are now protected, on or off the job, and all at no additional cost to themselves—the plan being financed through a "nickel an hour," plus the raise per hour gained in the last contract negotiations.

The plan is flexible and as rapidly as a reserve is built up, the coverage will be expanded to include the members' families. (It now only covers the members themselves.)

At the last regular union meeting, the president appointed Martin Barr and Jim Current as members of the

Negotiating Committee to serve with our capable Business Manager A. C. Kohli. Bernie Moore was also appointed as alternate delegate in event either of the others is unable to serve. Several meetings with the contractor's Negotiating Committee have already been held, but naturally, progress up to this point cannot be divulged, as the final terms have not been agreed upon.

John Toth, son of Steve Toth, a former Local 146 member now deceased, passed his journeyman wireman examination with flying colors and was advanced to wireman classification. His record shows that the Apprenticeship Program is paying off for men who take full advantage of the four years supplemental training offered through the Apprenticeship Program. Our business manager has frequently pointed out that the quality of mechanics in the electrical industry has steadily improved since the inauguration of expanded apprentice training.

Most of the shops are enjoying a rush of business which is normal for this time of year, but big jobs in this vicinity seem to be slow starting and fewer in number this year. The fact that this is an election year may or may not have some bearing on the apparent lag in some businesses. Well here's hoping for a quick recovery.

BOB WAYNE, P.S.

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## Two South Bend Men Succumb During May

L. U. 153, SOUTH BEND, IND.—During the month of May we had the adversity of losing two Brothers by death, one by accident and the other from natural causes. Brother Clarence Long died suddenly, of a heart attack, while having dinner with his family. Brother Long was 58 years old last June. He was initiated into I.B.E.W. Local 153 in 1937. We certainly wish to extend our condolences to his widow and family. However his memory will long continue with us as his two young sons are also members of this local.

Brother Dick Antisdel was fatally injured when a high lift scaffold tipped and fell. Brother Dick was working on the Clark Equipment job for the Koontz-Wagner Electric Co. Death was caused by a concussion of the brain, and internal injuries; he also sustained fractures of both arms. He died on Saturday afternoon May 19th in a South Bend hospital. Brother Antisdel was initiated into I.B.E.W. Local 153 in August, 1942. At this time we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to his widow and family.

At this time we wish to again thank our Bargaining Committee for

negotiating another increase in our pay from the contractors, making our scale \$3.17½, with .07½ to be placed in a Welfare and Insurance Fund. Our Welfare Committee chairman, Brother Paul Donahue, and his committeeman, Brother Sam Asire, are currently meeting with various insurance agency representatives in an effort to arrange for the best possible insurance.

Our Business Manager, Brother Don Beattie, is wearing a brand new smile these days as he was also granted an increase in pay.

JIM WATKINS, P.S.

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## State Office Building Opened in Springfield

L. U. 193, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—On December 5th, open house was held at the recently completed \$11,500,000 State office building just across the street from the Capitol Building here in Springfield. Construction on this ultra-modern eight story structure was begun by a ground breaking ceremony back in February of 1954. The cornerstone was laid the following April.

State agencies now occupying its 440,000 square feet of office space were previously quartered in 19 different locations at an annual cost of \$400,000 for rent.

Over 20,000 yards of concrete went into this huge edifice which is completely air conditioned by two 970-ton steam driven units. The building contains about 116,000 feet of duct and conduit, and over 800,000 feet or roughly about 160 miles of wire.

Cunningham Electric Company of Anna, Illinois, had the electrical contract and the work was done by Local No. 193 members with a fine assist from our sister Locals 702, 146, 34, 51, 948, 1395, 1018, 67, 184, 350, 453, and 649. The average number of electricians on the job was 16 with a high at one time of 47. The foremen were Brothers Ed Batson, Fred Jones, Stanley Gillette, Tommie England, John Strang, Henry Catron, and Dick Hughes. The general foreman was W. L. "Doc" Powell of Jacksonville, Illinois.

The fixture-hanging crews consisted of three men and each crew averaged about 63 recessed four or six foot slimline troffer fixtures a day. All told they hung about 8,800 fluorescent fixtures, which included 13,716 six foot lamps, and 3,706 four-foot lamps. Advance ballasts were used and out of 8,800 only about 25 have gone bad. There are only 600 incandescent fixtures in the entire structure.

National floor duct was installed on the structural concrete floors with the aid of a Ramset gun. There are 58,000 inserts in the duct lying between 1/16 inch to 3/4 inch below the

finished flooring. To date about 1400 have been used for floor receptacles and 1000 for telephone outlets.

Each floor contains approximately 1200 feet of 2 inch conduit and 800 feet of 1½ inch conduit imbedded in the structural slabs. Not one conduit was lost or partition was missed.

One hundred thirty-eight 32-circuit lighting panels are fed by sixteen 120/208 3 Ø 4 wire main panels with capacities ranging from 400 to 600 amps. These contain from 4 to 10, 100 amp circuits each. Federal switches were used in the lighting panels, and only 30 of 4500 twenty amp single pole breakers have been faulty.

The electrical load at present is estimated at 3800 Kilowatts. The total transformer capacity is 6500 K.V.A. which allows plenty of room for additional equipment to be installed. The power which is 480 volts is supplied by two 1000 K.V.A. banks and two 750 K.V.A. banks. The lighting is supplied by four 750 K.V.A. Wye banks 120/208. All are dry type transformers fed by 4160 volt primaries. The banks and switch gear are package units built by Federal Electric Products Co. of St. Louis, Mo.

WILLIAM L. PORTER, P.S.

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## Second Local 211 Man Reaches 50-Year Mark

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Just a few lines from this neck of the woods to let you know that we are still alive and kicking. Your P.S. does not have too much to report but what he has is partly good and vice-versa. To give you the bestas firstas I would like to report that at our last regular meeting Charles "Buck" Taylor was presented with a 50-year pin and certificate. Buck is now 73 years of age and was admitted to pension January 1st, 1953. In going over the records we find that on May 3, 1954, Ex-President Ed. Penny made a presentation to Jack Furr for continuous good standing for 50 years—so we have had two members to be so honored.

On the sad side of the news I am sorry to have to report that Brother Edward Brazzell passed away on April 17, 1956. Ed. was one swell guy. He will be missed by his many friends. Also at this time I would like to report the passing of another Brother whose monicker is well known to all the Brothers. Brother Edgar Koehler passed away April 23, 1956. He was the local's treasurer for about 28 years. Brother Koehler has been on pension since March, 1956 and Brother Brazzell since April of 1954. Brother Ed Koehler was a very quiet chap and was well liked by all the Brothers of Local 211. He was a

## New State Office Building



These are the men, members of Local 193, Springfield, Ill., who have just finished wiring the new Illinois State Office Building (below) facing the State Capitol. They are, Front row: Thos. S. England; S. E. Batson; W. L. (Doc) Powell, superintendent; Karl Bitschenauer, business manager, Local 193; Gordon Thornley, Mohawk Electric; Fred Cunningham, contractor; Bill Cunningham, contractor, and W. C. Goodman. Second row: Ben E. Quinn; John E. Drap; M. A. Jones; G. G. Gard; Gildo Ferrantelli; Anton Speis; R. A. Hughes; R. L. Anderson, and Walter Paciorek. Third row: F. E. Padget; J. E. Carroll; Russell Saul; Fred Jones; J. P. Moss; John E. Frey; Charles E. Richmond; Tony Rebeck; Lee Strasbaugh. Fourth row: A. C. Ushman; Clifford Bumgarner; Stan Gillette; Jerry Joe Clark; Francis Walsh; Crawford Davis; David L. Etter; Fred Farris, and W. G. Hawkins.



faithful servant to local 211. He also will be missed by the many Brothers who knew him. During the meeting, all the members present, at the request of President H. "Bud" Maxwell bowed their heads and offered a silent prayer to the deceased Brothers.

BART CURLEY MAISCH, P.S.

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### 300 Iowa Members Mark 40th Anniversary

L. U. 231, SIOUX CITY, IA.—Local 231, I.B.E.W., was really on the map of Sioux City, Iowa, when on May 17, 1956, the celebration of the 40th Anniversary was held at the Mayfair

Hotel, with approximately 300 in attendance.

The word "cooperation" may be a bit overworked sometimes but it is the only word to suit this situation. The committee members headed by Bill Hossack, worked well together and the entire affair was something of which organized labor can be proud. The press cooperated with fine publicity preceding and following the dinner-dance. The event was covered by T.V.; the Chamber of Commerce provided registration and the electrical contractors showed their usual friendliness by attending in full force.

Brother Tim Murray, president of L. U. 231, presided as master of ceremonies with dignity and poise. Brother Hank Kuklisch, Des Moines,

Iowa, International Representative, made a few opening remarks and introduced International Representative Robert Garrity, Omaha, Nebraska.

Other guests included City Manager Robert M. Hoisington and Mrs. Hoisington; three officers of L. U. 880 of Sioux City; Business Manager A. J. DeVries of Local 426, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

International President Gordon Freeman, unable to attend, sent greetings as did International Vice President Frank Jacobs.

A brief history of L. U. 231 was read by Brother Tim Murray, preceding the presentation of pins to the following: Twenty-year pins to Nick Zandstra, Everett W. Yale, F. D. Seaton, George J. Prager, Keith W. Lewis, W. Hanson, J. H. Engerbrition and Al Bosley. Twenty-five year pins were given to H. Wannerholm, J. L. Peterson, H. J. Loetz and Carl Christiansen. A 35-year pin was presented to G. E. Prescott; and 40-year pins to Charter Members Phil Gregoire and A. J. Danielson, also to Francis D. Drake, Charter Member of L. U. 231 but a continuous member of the I.B.E.W. for 45 years.

Brother Garrity gave an informative talk on the Pension Plan, union scale raises and many items of interest not only to members but to those in attendance who might not have known these facts about organized labor. Every event of this kind, with capable representation, is a step forward in the education of the general public and recognition of the

value of an organization for workers.

Now that we have celebrated the 40 years past we can look forward to the future with hope and enthusiasm.

FRED HADLEY, P.S.

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## Journeyman Educational Program Inaugurated

L. U. 278, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—The first regular Thursday Night Journeyman Educational School Program began May 10th. "Wire and Cables" with a thorough coverage on insulations, was presented by Mr. John N. Ratcliff and A. D. Poskey, of the Anaconda Wire and Cable Company.

Special emphasis on synthetics in replacing rubber insulation was well presented by Anaconda representatives.

May 17th, "Fuses, Panels and Switches" was very ably presented by Mr. Glenn Mathews, Bob Chapman and Roy Land of the Wilson Electrical Equipment Company.

The response and interest shown by our membership in these first two programs is very encouraging with more than 100 in attendance at each meeting. Our members are proud that they are doing 90 percent of the resi-

dential wiring in Corpus Christi and approximately 50 percent in Victoria, Texas.

Brother Harold Tate is now full time assistant business manager and apprentice teacher, with Victoria, Port Lavaca and Beeville area as his main responsibility. We feel Brother Ed Hayes has made a wise progressive move in the appointment of Brother Tate in this new job. Brother Tate is well qualified with his background of experience in this job and is thoroughly familiar with this large fast-growing area where a job of organizing of electrical workers is so badly needed.

Brother Harold Cofer, with the Coastal Electric Company, has presented our Educational Committee with the enclosed picture of the control board and a run down on this ultra modern system of electric control, which our members, under Brother Cofer's directions completed in the Southwestern Refinery at Corpus Christi.

A study of the plans covering these controls together with our visit to this new refinery has brought us closer to the realization that automation is not a future thing but is with us now and is an additional spur to us not to tarry on the road in our educational programs.

JAMES C. PARISH, P.S.

## Full-time Business Manager for Local 303

L. U. 303, ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—This may come as a shock to most members, but we are on the road to success one way or the other. I asked the fellows to get a press secretary but until there is one they wished it on me.

However, don't sell 303 short. We are very proud to belong to the I.B. E.W. as you all are. But we have an area that has needed a lot of cultivating. We have now formed the NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL and amalgamated with Locals 1656 and 1662 Niagara Falls and Welland and finally have a full time Business Manager who is yours truly.

Since December '55 we have some 45 electrical contractors signed up with an agreement from May '55 to April '57. We have applied for BA membership and I have three shops that will start that off in this area.

The work situation for the past winter has been fairly good with very few out of work. There is a large program this summer and we trust it will keep on. With the Seaway under construction, the Welland Canal will no doubt be a busy spot and we hope to keep it well under control.

So Brothers I trust that we have given you something to mull over and

## N. J. Golden Anniversary



Brother Charles Henry "Buck" Taylor receives his 50-year pin and scroll from Brother Fred Eger who was employed on the same job with "Buck" for 20 years. Brother Taylor retired from Local 211, Atlantic City, N. J., in 1952 to indulge his favorite hobby of travel. In the front row, from left: Herbert F. Stickel, business manager; Fred Eger; Brother Taylor; President H. G. Maxwell; Vice President W. Hiltner, and Financial Secretary E. Armbuster. Standing are: Executive Board Members R. Martin, F. Schwickerath, E. Herbert and G. Hess; Treasurer C. Duberson, and Executive Board Member H. Hiltner. Press Secretary Maisch took the photo.

## Mark 40 Years Since Founding



These were special guests of honor recently when Local 231, Sioux City, Iowa, marked its 40th anniversary with a dinner and dance. From left: Int'l. Representative Robert Garrity; Local Business Manager Tom Dugan; Charter Members Phil Gregoire, Al Bosley, F. D. Seaton, J. H. Engebritson, and Francis D. Drake (45-years, IBEW); Local President Tim Murray, and Int'l. Representative Henry Kuklish.



Three of the local's founding members are seen with President Tim Murray (second from left). They are Phil Gregoire, Francis D. Drake and A. J. Danielson.

from time to time I will let you have any news as it comes around.

We would appreciate visits from any Brothers who visit Niagara Falls which I'm sure that some of our young ones do. Don't be bashful look us up. We would be only too happy to aid them.

KEN M. POTTER, B.M.

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### Commends Toledo on Bowling Tournament

L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.—Your reporter wants to thank all of

our Brothers of Local 8, especially the members of the committee in charge of the tournament, for a fine time had by all. This was the first time we participated in the IBEW Bowling Tournament, but will not be the last. There was only praise from the bowlers and talk of attending the tournament next year in Iowa. Thanks again, Toledo.

Negotiations between Local 305 and the contractors have been going on for the last month. At our last meeting the final draft was drawn up and only the official signing is left to be done.

Our new agreement calls for a

20-cent increase making our scale \$3.25 per hour. The only other major change was in the travel clause and this was changed to make it read fair for both sides. The Contract Committee has a tough job and they do the best they can for us. Well done, Brothers.

W. L. WASSON, P.S.

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### 20c Package Won By Binghamton Local

L. U. 325, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—While the news may be outdated at time of reading we want to give some information about our new agreement for 1956-57. First, it was a very early settlement . . . three days before the anniversary date of our current agreement. Second, we finally settled for a pay raise of 18 cents per hour and another 2 cents increase in the employer payment to our holiday plan. To some this may seem "real gone," but to those whose thoughts are more concerned with the welfare of the membership it must be realized that the vacation concept and the health insurance aspirations so hopefully raised for acceptance are now "real gone" for the next year. To others the rejection of both ideas by the employer committee came as a rude awakening, perhaps due to the fact that we have not yet reached the era when the employer becomes really interested in the health and welfare of his employees in order to obtain a greater production potential. Well, we must all live and learn . . . and that means WE must.

Our thanks to Brothers Fred Grupp, Pierino Lisi and Earl Hesse for their mutual endeavors in our behalf throughout these negotiations.

Due to the lateness of day and hour these lines must terminate now . . . however here's hoping to get back again next month.

GEORGE C. HALLETT, President

## Athens, Ohio, Men Assemble, Wire Job

L. U. 337, ATHENS, OHIO—I am enclosing a photograph of some members of Local 337, Athens, Ohio, who assembled and wired some of the

control panel boards for No. 6 Unit at Philo, Ohio.

Top left to right—George McAfee, Nathan Wise, Andie Mansfield and Bill Conoley.

Bottom row—Harry Love, Carl Johnson and Winnie Holsinger. George McCall was superintendent and L. E. Meyers, contractor.

CARL E. JOHNSON, P.S.

## Preliminary Steps to Win 7% Increase

L. U. 339, PORT ARTHUR AND FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—There is

not much to report this month on union activities. Agreements are still in the preliminary stages of negotiation. Our basic request this year is for a 7 percent increase, plus varied fringe benefits.

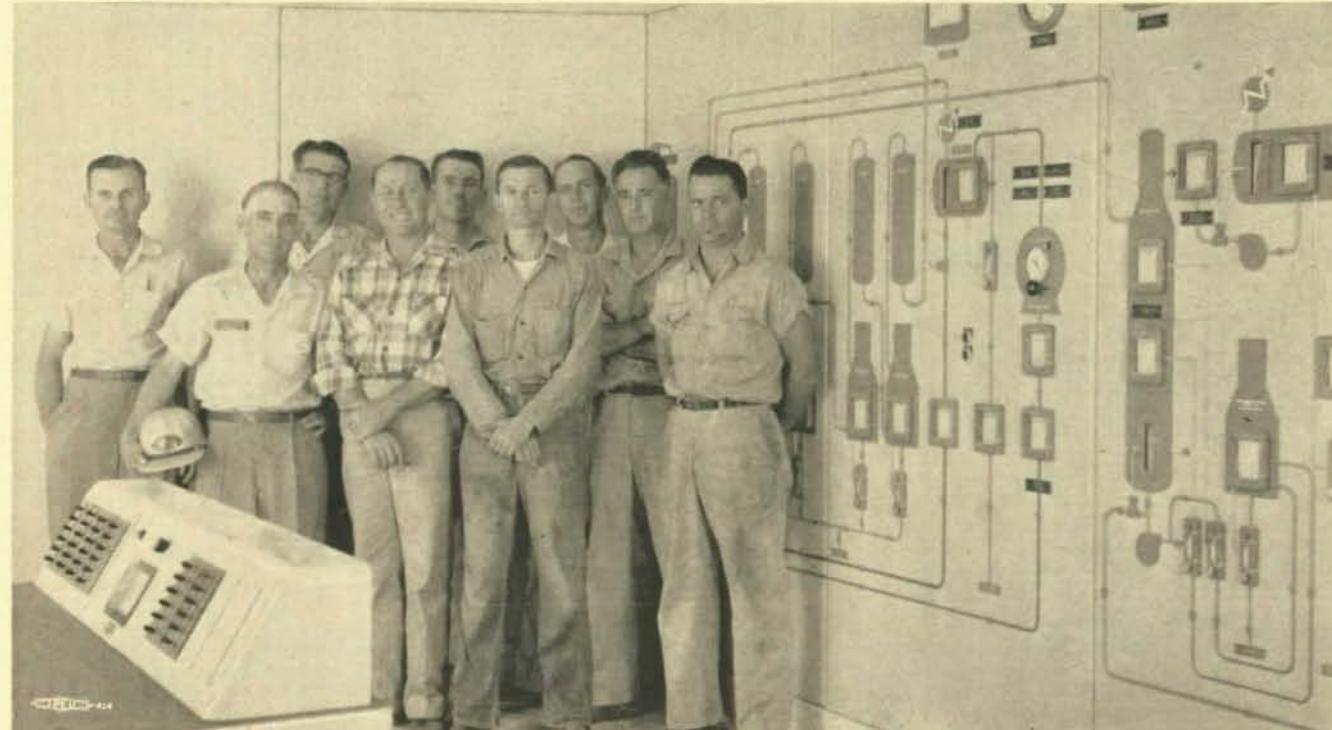
Our delegates, Business Manager Peter Ubriaco and Brother Don Brown have returned from the Western Progress Meeting held at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg on May 8th and 9th.

I had a talk with Brother Brown re his impressions of the Progress Meeting. He was very enthusiastic, and told me the meet was very informative and educational. Brother Pete takes the passive attitude, that of course is understandable for he

## Corpus Christi Highlights



This was the fine turnout of members of Local 278, Corpus Christi, Tex., for the First Educational Program to be held each Thursday evening.



This is a view of the control board at the Southwestern Refinery, Corpus Christi, Texas. Those in the picture from left to right: Ralph Perkins, contractor, Costal Electric Company; D. P. Thompson, construction superintendent; Ed J. Hayes, business manager; Harold Cofer, general foreman; Bill Tucker; Thomas Stary, Jr., apprentice; Francis Williams; Raymond Parks, and George Stowe.

## Bowling Teams



These two teams represented Local 305, Fort Wayne, Ind., at the IBEW Bowling Tournament. From the McKay Electric Co. are from left, standing: F. West; R. Noll; H. Hannie, and M. Finch. Kneeling are J. Avery and M. Grimm. At right is the team from Schmidt's Electric. From left, standing: P. Bucker; J. Kreigh; A. Fritz; W. L. Wasson, and M. Woll, kneeling. L. Korn was not present when the photo was taken.

lives, eats and sleeps on union problems continually.

I still hold my own personal opinions, I still think that the knowledge gained is not worth the expense involved, and that the money could be spent to much better advantage.

I understand that one of the prob-

lems discussed at the Progress Meeting was automation. This is a problem that is going to tax the best brains that labor can muster. Many labor men believe that automation is something new, however this impression is wrong, for automation took root with the introduction of the

machine age over half a century ago.

The rank and file of labor have not as yet felt the full impact of automation due to the fact that the postwar years have provided full employment, and while we may not have gained everything we hoped for, nevertheless I think we must admit we have fared very well in sharing Canada's prosperity.

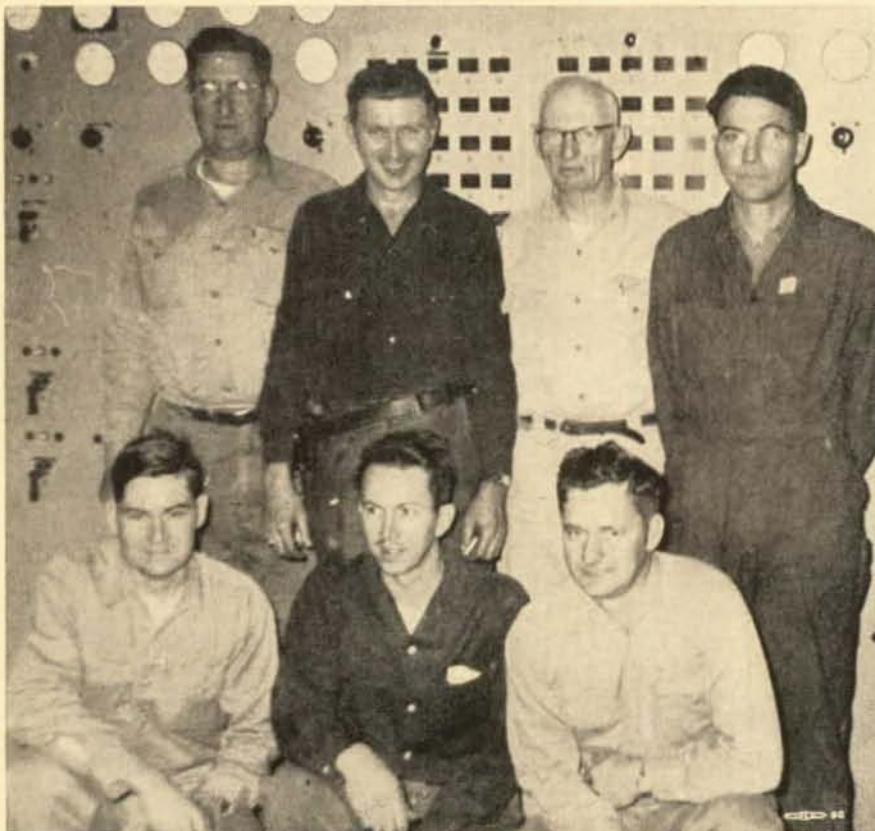
Many of our members have been displaced as a result of automation. However, most of them have been absorbed into other branches of our craft. Be this as it may, we must of necessity ask ourselves what of the future, for after all we are pledged to build for the future and leave behind us a heritage that will make those who follow in our footsteps proud of us. We in this age are grateful to our forefathers for the hard work they put into organization, for it is through their efforts in the past that we now enjoy the fruits of their long uphill fight for better wages and working conditions.

The experts tell us that automation will disrupt employes in many and varied industries. However, they also tell us that the over-all picture is very bright and that automatic industry will use more employes than at the present time. This I fail to see or understand. What do you think?

We must realize that we cannot impede progress. However, we have got to be prepared with a concrete plan to offset the great changes that automation will bring to our national economy.

This brings me to the question, what are we doing about it: The answer could be "We are not interested." You know fellows, there is a wave of indifferentism throughout

### Job at Athens, Ohio



These members of Local 337, Athens, Ohio, pose before the control panel board they recently installed. Full identification is given in the local's letter.

our organization and especially in our own local union. Nobody seems to give a damn anymore. Our prime object as I see it today is more wages, less work, lower taxes, no discomforts, (such as going to Union meetings) more and more fun and a new car every year.

Some of these things are good. However, do we ever give a thought to the fact that your local union is the basic foundation for all these good things of life that we enjoy? Just imagine 90 percent of our membership never attend a meeting. Our Executive Board, the back bone of our organization, are just as lax in attendance at regular meetings too. Now I am warning you fellows, unless this attitude changes you are in for a rude awakening one of these days. There is definitely a "BUMP AHEAD." See photo, it symbolizes the message I wish to bring to you today: Here is a thought for the month: Go to your union meeting with good sound progressive ideas, don't go to shoot off steam. "Remember steam is only water gone crazy with the heat."

FRANK KELLY, P.S.

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### Urges Decennial State Reapportionment Observed

L. U. 429, NASHVILLE, TENN.—From this part of Tennessee we report on things of importance concerning our local and jurisdiction.

A Brother and past co-worker of wartime days has picked our fair city for at least a part of his retirement years. He is Brother Glenn Elliston formerly of Local No. 3 and other New York parts. All of us, I'm sure, appreciate the fine welcome and treatment accorded us when in other cities

### From Local 339



Who knows? This boy may be president of Local 339, Port Arthur and Fort William, Ont., some day. He's Paddy Kelly, grandson of Press Secretary F. Kelly.



Warning: This photo symbolizes a challenge to the members of Local 339 to awake to their responsibilities as union men. See their letter.

so, we say to Glenn, "Welcome." We will endeavor to our utmost to make him feel at home in Tennessee.

Brother Horace Mason, one of our members of many years, passed away in April after many months of illness. To Brothers Robert and Forrest his sons, all the family and his many friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Of interest to our out-of-state Brothers we bring you a note on the report of Brother Arthur B. Buckner

Central Body delegate, to our last meeting. We believe this portion should and was intended to reach the ears of all. This is the gist of it. For some time now we have heard about state reapportionment of representation to the legislature, through our Central Body, to our local unions. It is pointed out that this is of utmost importance to labor. Our State Constitution calls for re-apportionment every 10 years. For some reason this has not been done since 1911. It is further pointed out that if this could be accomplished we (labor) would have a much better chance for favorable legislation to be passed. It is hoped that this matter will furnish the cue for new life and interest in bringing about corrective action by our Governor and legislature. It is anybody's guess what will happen if we are unable to get some relief from the present "Right-to-Work" Law without our rightful share of representation favorable to our philosophy.

There is still some unemployment among our number, but the reports of our business manager and his assistants are encouraging for a better season ahead.

Our Executive Board has announced the appointment of Brother Frank Steagald to the Board filling the vacancy left by Brother J. T. Edwards who resigned to become assistant business manager.

W. A. WALKER, P.S.

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### Mark Anniversary Of Brother Faig

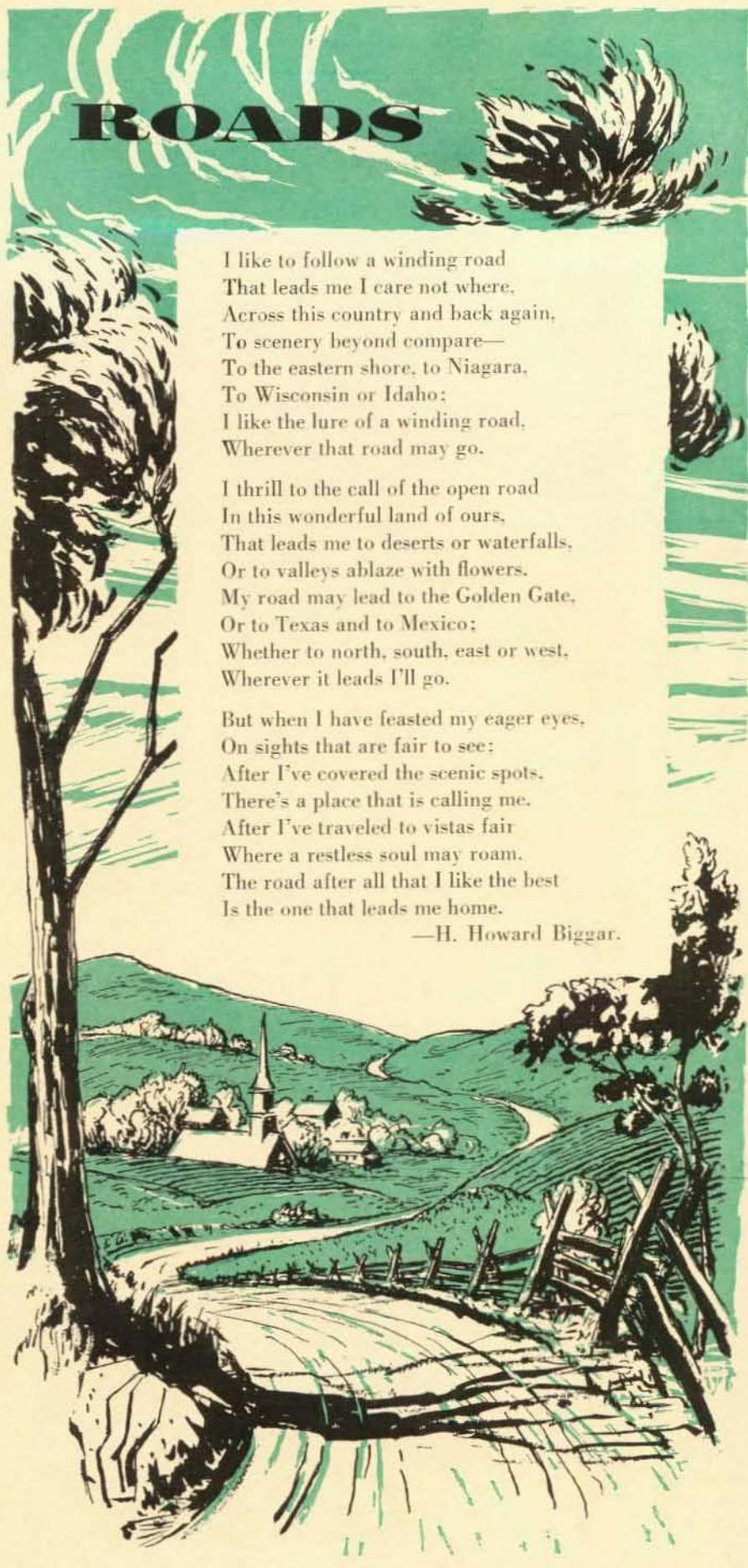
L. U. 453, SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Local Union No. 453 was very honored and pleased to have had the opportunity of honoring a 50-year member of the Brotherhood at the last

### Honored for Long Membership



Six 25-year-or-over members were honored recently at a party given by Local 352, Lansing, Mich. Pins were presented by Business Agent Joseph Burgess and President J. Edwin Comly. Reading from left to right are: Mr. Addison Brooks; Mrs. Homer Page and Mr. Page; Business Agent Joseph Burgess; Mr. Jerry Egan and Mrs. Egan; President J. Edwin Comly; Mr. Frank Hannula and Mrs. Hannula; Mr. Ralph Locke and Mrs. Locke, and Mr. Robert Burtner.

# ROADS



I like to follow a winding road  
That leads me I care not where.  
Across this country and back again,  
To scenery beyond compare—  
To the eastern shore, to Niagara,  
To Wisconsin or Idaho;  
I like the lure of a winding road,  
Wherever that road may go.

I thrill to the call of the open road  
In this wonderful land of ours,  
That leads me to deserts or waterfalls,  
Or to valleys ablaze with flowers.  
My road may lead to the Golden Gate,  
Or to Texas and to Mexico;  
Whether to north, south, east or west,  
Wherever it leads I'll go.

But when I have feasted my eager eyes,  
On sights that are fair to see;  
After I've covered the scenic spots,  
There's a place that is calling me.  
After I've traveled to vistas fair  
Where a restless soul may roam.  
The road after all that I like the best  
Is the one that leads me home.

—H. Howard Biggar.

regular meeting of the local union,  
held May 3, 1956.

We presented a 50-year membership scroll and pin to Brother Harry Faig, whose membership is in the International Office at the present time due to his being on pension.

Brother Faig was originally initiated in Local No. 38, Cleveland, Ohio, some 50 years ago. Since that time he has worked out of many local unions all over the country and was well known to many of the old timers.

Brother Faig is 73 years young and enjoys very good health and is surprisingly active for his years. He enjoys the great outdoors, with fishing being his main hobby. The crystal cool rivers and lakes of the Ozark mountains afford him many opportunities to indulge in his favorite pastime of fishing.

Brother Faig was our guest at a wonderful steak dinner, which was attended by the principal officers of Local No. 453, after which he attended our regular meeting and was presented his 50-year scroll and membership pin by International Representative Elmer Kelly.

Vice President Frank W. Jacobs of the Eleventh District was to have made the presentation but due to a heavy work schedule and conditions beyond his control he was unable to be here for the occasion and sent Brother Kelly as his personal representative.

In connection with the presentation ceremony, Brother Kelly made an inspiring talk to the Local Union, which was enjoyed by all. Our meeting hall was filled to capacity with only standing room left. Everyone seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion and I am sure it will be a night Brother Faig will long remember. So, in closing this article, we of Local No. 453 toast Brother Faig and wish him many more years of good health and happiness.

W. E. GLIDEWELL, B.M.

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## Testimonial Dinner For Vice President

L. U. 454, SUSQUEHANNA, PA.—Our local held a testimonial dinner on April 21st for Vice President Fred J. Keyes. Brother Keyes has been an active member for 28 years and is the first of our members to retire under the pension plan. President C. G. Estabrook, acting as toastmaster, introduced International Representative Charles McCloskey who was representing International Vice President John J. Duffy.

Brother McCloskey paid tribute to Brother Keyes for many years of faithful service and reminisced on the strides made in the electrical trade through these years. We all join in

wishing Brother Keyes success in his new venture.

JOHN VANLOAN, F.S.

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## Memphis Local 474 Honors Old-timers

L. U. 474, MEMPHIS, TENN.—Local 474 presented pins to its old timers Wednesday, April 18th. Those who received pins were, 35-year group—Aron Dean, Charles Seahorn; 30-year group—F. M. DaCosta, C. W. Davis, Harold Mead, Harry Rost, Sam Herriman, J. W. McGoldrick, Lawrence Dixon, Pat Pickett, A. L. McCarver, Frank Dries; 25-year group—Leander Martin, C. E. Rickard, W. T. Hatmaker, Clay Raney, C. R. Seaton, F. L. McCarver, J. S. Parke, Lee House, Herman Moss, L. B. Phillips, R. L. Webb, E. W. Fennell, G. V. McClinton; 20-year group—Charles Black, Sr., H. H. Huddleston, J. B. Huddleston, J. G. Walker, H. C. Dameworth, Hugh Fuch, Frank Mensi, J. L. Jones, S. O. Maning, Sr., P. B. Moore, Bob Bedwell, W. L. Calhoun, Ernest Green, W. S. Miller, Harry Saunders, J. L. Paulk, Bill Rollins, R. W. Pratt, Alva Wirey, J. B. Arteburn.

We also had Brothers H. L. Thomas—50-years plus, Polk Byrd—48 years plus, Adolph Richter about 40 years, H. A. Beckham—38 years plus. I

## On Golden Anniversary



Smiling officers of Local 453, Springfield, Mo., pose as presentation is made to Brother Harry Faig of his 50-year membership pin and scroll. Front row, reading left to right: International Representative Elmer Kelly and Brother Harry Faig, honored guest. Back row: Jack Moore, vice president, Local 453; O. J. Jones, president; W. E. Glidewell, business manager and financial secretary, and Richard Derossett, chairman of the Executive Board.

wanted to separate these guys from the apprentices in the 35 years and down groups.

Brother Al Wright presented the pins and made a nice appropriate speech.

It is usually the accepted theory that experience and time denote skill, but I think anyone who has worked at a trade 30 years and is still working, is rather stupid. I have my tool box to prove it.

## Tribute to Brother Fred Keyes



At the Testimonial dinner tendered to Fred J. Keyes of Local 454, Susquehanna, Pa., the local officers and members posed with Brother Keyes. Seated, left to right: R. H. Keyes; L. T. Reynolds, treasurer; J. T. Soop, I. R.; C. G. Estabrook, president; Fred J. Keyes; Charles McCloskey, International representative; D. R. Soop. Back row: I. J. Palmer; R. A. Westfall; F. H. Maas; E. J. Doran, general chairman; C. R. Lamb, recording secretary; John VanLoan, financial secretary; T. A. Hurley; T. E. Waters; C. M. DePue; R. W. Knorr; W. J. Ryan; W. R. Hobart.

## Long-time Memphis Members



Veteran members of Local 474, Memphis, Tenn., were presented with service pins at recent ceremonies at the local. Their names and terms of service are given in the accompanying letter.

Speaking of tool boxes, I would say you could almost tell a fellow's character by his tool box. I have often looked at others' tool boxes and noted how neat, orderly and exact the tools were, and usually they belong to a reasonably good mechanic. Also there were sufficient tools appropriate for nearly all requirements. All of this would make me wonder about my tools, then I made a hasty inventory.

At last accounting, mine consisted of one tire wrench (model T type);

one dull hatchet; one medium center punch (formerly a screw driver but now a center punch); one can opener (It also comes in bottles and is reputed to be manufactured in cities like St. Louis and Milwaukee); one gillette razor (I don't seem to remember what this item has to do with electrical work, anyway how are you fixed for blades); one mouldy roll of friction tape (It's the one Pop brought back from the World's fair in St. Louis); one horseshoe; one

pocket knife with no blades (I think it's the one grandpa won in a crap game before the battle of Shiloh—you can't shoot craps all night and fight all day, that's why the North won); one 6 foot rule with no numbers on it (simply put your finger at the desired place, or cut a notch in the rule, a long stick would serve nicely only you can't fold it up); one box of aspirins (Bayers); A Dick Tracy funny book; and a pair of burned up rusty pliers. One has to be athletically inclined to use these pliers. Simply place both feet on one handle and both hands on the other to pull apart. Of course this becomes monotonous, but these pliers have a sentimental value. (I'll say they have, they are so lousy no one'll even steal 'em.)

With this kit of tools it is possible to mutilate and foul up any job (ask the contractor I work for). His employes just recently presented him with a beautiful monogrammed strait jacket with the letters L. U. 474 on the back. It also has French cuffs.

Not long ago the lights in the back yard of a friend of mine went out. There I was without light bulbs. Well I guess I might as well tell you guys how I solved this problem. My friend had a great big Magnolia tree in his yard in full bloom. Well I simply skinned the bark off the tree to make a good connection. Then I connected 110 volts to the trunk. I then turned the switch and the Magnolias lighted up flooding the whole yard with light.

I must warn you, however, first you must count the Magnolias to determine the load. You can figure a large Magnolia at about 200 watts and smaller ones about 60 watts, and make sure they are all 110 volt Magnolias. What makes me mad is to find a Magnolia tree that has both Mogul and Medium based Magnolias.

FRANK DRIES, P.S.

## Prizes at Wisc. Dance



Door Prizes contributed by Electrical Contractors to Milwaukee Local 494's dance.

## Big Milwaukee Job Boosts Work Picture

L. U. 494, MILWAUKEE, WIS.—April and May in Milwaukee!! The old saying that April showers bring May flowers does not hold true for

this year. No rain in April, just more of old man winter. May has been all rain and more winter. Building has slowed up only a little because of the lateness of the season.

A big job that ran all winter is worth mentioning. It will probably near completion by January, 1957. It

is an all-union job and Local Union 494 has been in since the start. Staff Electric has the job and our good friend and Board Member, Jack Schmidt, is the general foreman. Here are some of the statistics on "Capitol Court" which is a beautiful, modern shopping center. There is parking

## Milwaukee Leaders, Committee



This is the latest photo of the officers of Local 494, Milwaukee, Wis. Seated: (left to right) William Luethy, chairman, Executive Board; Rex Fransway, business manager; Arthur Schroeder, president, and Jacob Schmidt, member, Executive Board. Standing: George Kaiser, financial secretary; Theodore La Chapelle, member, Executive Board; Milton Peters, business representative; Milton Pyzik, member, Executive Board; Guy Boldt, business representative; Walter Gerke, business representative, and William Harnack, vice president and co-chairman, Dance Committee.



The committee for the local's recent dance was, kneeling: (left to right) Chester Sheely, co-chairman; Arthur Schroeder, president; William Luethy, Chairman, Executive Board; Martin Kuehn; John Rensink, Rex Fransway, business manager; Roy Clemence; Victor Thelen; Alois Glasschroeder. Standing: Erwin Koepsel, Milton Pyzik, Executive Board member; Jacob Schmidt, Executive Board member; Joseph Kremer; Dorothy Bodden; William Harnack, vice Pres. and co-chairman; Josephine Larson; George Kaiser, financial secretary; Elizabeth Hanusch; Sophia S. Holz Office Mgr. & Research Dir; Mary Jane Tripi; George Fluegel, secretary, L. U. Sick Committee.

space for 5, 100 cars at a time. Total acreage covered by the project is 65. Every store will be air-conditioned. KWH consumption will be larger than that of a city of 20,000 population. The total cost is over \$26,000,000.

April brought the Braves back to Milwaukee and, of course, they won the first game. I would like to say that they will win the pennant this year, even though most of the early May home games were rained out.

What was most important were the municipal and county elections. A realignment of city wards took place and the total number was reduced from 27 to 19 wards. Labor's Political League endorsed 16 of the aldermanic candidates and was neutral on three. Our elections are run on a non-partisan basis. Thirteen of the 16 endorsed were elected. By happy coincidence, those wards which polled the greatest votes for the L.P.L.-endorsed candidates were the ones in which our L. U. 494 members lived and did a marvelous job in leading the campaign.

Our mayor, Frank P. Zeidler, who has always been fair to labor, defeated one of L. U. 494's arch enemies of many years standing. The mayor's opponent was one who had been trying to tear down our building codes in every possible manner over a period of years. It was a very close race and up until the very end we wondered if we had done enough. The final results proved one thing—that if the people that comprise the membership of all labor unions would not only get out to vote, but actually work for labor-endorsed candidates, as we did on a ward-by-ward program, our problems in politics would soon be licked.

To wind up the month of April, I surely must mention the annual spring dance for the membership. As usual, this affair has grown each year not only in the number of mem-

bers present but in the quality of entertainment and refreshments. Our hats come off to the committee who each year make this event a huge success. Pictures of this committee and officers who worked to make this annual affair so successful are enclosed. The many wonderful door prizes pictured were contributed by our contractors and 100 electricians went home richer and happier with one of these prizes.

RALPH BRICHTA, P.S.

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## Win 15-Cent Hike In Mich. Wage Scale

L. U. 498, TRAVERSE CITY, MICH.—Brothers, wage negotiations have been completed and we were successful in getting a 15-cent raise in two scales and a new scale set up for the big jobs. The wage scale for this area is now \$2.90 for jobs bid at less than \$10,000, \$3.15 for jobs from \$10,000 up to \$70,000 and \$3.40 for all bids over that figure.

Jobs in the area are not plentiful but most of the Brothers are working. There is some preliminary work being done at American Box Board at the present time to prepare for a big job later.

The jet base is undecided. That job surely has turned into a political football. Our representative in Congress stands about as much chance for reelection as that proverbial "snowball in hell."

The job at Petoskey is being completed by Grand Traverse Electric.

At the last meeting of the membership we were fed refreshments. Charles Anderson was in charge of things and from the comments made then and later we should do it more often. A good time was had by all.

Next month is election time again and most of the officers will be run-

ning again for office. Regardless of who is elected let's all work together for the betterment of this local union.

GILBERT REID, P.S.

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## Members Promoted to Assistant General Foremen

L. U. 500, SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—

First, let me express my deep gratitude for all the fine comments I received on my first article. They have really meant a lot to me and will help to spur my rusty ole pen to more and better efforts.

The congratulations of Local 500 go to Brothers R. C. Lambert and Bill Carlson on their recent promotions to assistant general Foremen. Brother Carlson, by the way, was president and business manager of our local some 20 years ago. Good luck to you both!

Our Negotiations Committee met with Brothers Art Edwards and Bill Cox last month for help and suggestions on our new agreement. They have provided us with some very sound and useful advice.

We could certainly use some more attendance at our meetings. Let's all get down there and give our officers some good, old-fashioned support. They really need it.

Well, my wife says shes gonna put a knot on my head if I don't come and eat so, away I go!

E. N. THOMPSON, P.S.

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## Describes Features of New Goss Headliner

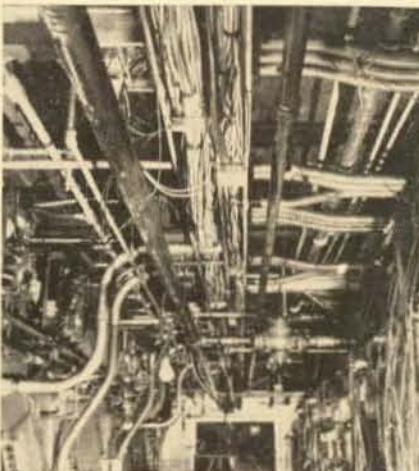
L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA.—The new 400-ton Goss Headliner is one of the most modern to be found anywhere in the world. It is composed of eight units which are individually driven by 40 h.p. General Electric direct current motors. These units are mechanically coupled together, so that it is possible to drive a particular unit, without the motor, in the event of an emergency. The eight units combined are capable of printing 52,500 newspapers of 64 pages within an hour's time. One of the outstanding features of the press is its color printing equipment. The press is capable of printing four separate colors, including black, at one time.

The press is equipped with automatic, electronically-controlled (G.E. amplidynes) pasting units so that new rolls of newsprint can be brought into use without stopping the press. Each press unit is equipped with a three-pronged spindle which holds the roll of newsprint which is threaded through the press, and two standby rolls. As the roll then in use nears its expiration point, a new roll is automatically stopped in position by

## Complete Press at Mobile



Shown are members of Local 505, who recently completed work on the new Goss Headliner press in Mobile, Alabama. View showing the incomplete wiring, conduit, metal duct (both A.C. and D.C.) and master panels is at right.



## Project in Portland, Maine



The crew from Local 567, Portland, finishing up the Maine Medical Center, for E. S. Boulos Co. Front row l to r: Snow; R. Libby; Rogers; Mitchel, foreman; Lamb; Sherrard; Clarke; Libby, general foreman. Second row: l to r: Burr; Hodgkins; Welch, R. Joyce; Richter; Green, foreman. Third row: Pratt; J. Joyce, Jr.; Price; Burrill; Mahoney; Roulland; Purinton; Ramsay. Fourth row: Foley, and Moreshead.

a photo-electric eye, then brought up to the exact speed of the expiring roll, at which time brushes (fired by Cadillac ignition points) press the pre-pasted paper from the new rolls against the web which is spinning from the expiring roll, completing the pasteup.

After the roll has turned approximately a quarter of a turn, a knife is fired by the same set of Cadillac points. This is accomplished by an involved relay setup. After the knife has cut off the old web (roll) the new roll is automatically rotated into the position that was occupied by the old roll. The headliner units are equipped with detectors which automatically shut down the press in the event that a sheet of paper tears out. The entire process of making newspapers is a fascinating operation too intricate to fully describe in this short space.

We here in Local 505 are in the process of choosing an outstanding apprentice to attend the Gulf Coast Apprenticeship Conference to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi.

EMMETT N. SPEARS, R.S.

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### Six Inspectors from Savannah Local 508

L. U. 508, SAVANNAH, GA.—In the

February Issue of the JOURNAL, it was reported at that time that there were three of our members employed as electrical inspectors in the state of Chatham. I am happy to report that at the present, we have a total of six electrical inspectors in Chatham County. The business manager reports prospects in the future look promising for additional inspectors. The following out-of-town Contractors are performing work within our jurisdiction:

Cleveland Electric Company, Utilities Construction, Fishback and Moore, Inc., White Electric Company, Midland Constructors, Inc., Ernst Contractors, Mill and Marine, Modern Electric Company, Miller Electric of Florida, Power Electric Company, Miller Electric of Carolina, Robinson Electric Company.

We are enjoying very good relations with the visiting contractors at the present time.

Our collection for C.O.P.E. is doing very well. The local passed the motion recommending that all members apply for membership with this organization.

The funds are being raised for the Youth Museum and are in the same position with all donations to this cause. We are experiencing trouble with members from various locals applying to our contractors for employment. We wish to advise that

soliciting work in our jurisdiction is in violation of our working rules and is subject to I.B.E.W. charges. If you intend to visit Savannah, contact your business manager for the proper information.

We are happy to learn that our International Office is taking steps to straighten out many of the jurisdictional problems.

We urge our members to register and vote. It is time that we sent Senator George back to his home in Georgia for retirement. We intend to support Herman Talmadge 100 percent in our local.

D. L. CANNADY, P.S.

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### Heavy Work Schedule For Portland Local 567

L. U. 567, PORTLAND, ME.—Local 567 is on the move again with plenty of work, either going or ready to go soon. New jobs starting soon are a 21-million-dollar remodeling job at Millinocket by Stone and Webster for the Great Northern Paper Company. Avie Goody, is already on the job as general foreman, and will be calling for men soon. Dole Electric is in East Millinocket, to do a new school. The armed services will call on us to work on a two-million-dollar-housing job at Topsham, where a new

## Jackson Banquet for Board



Board members of Local 605, Jackson, Miss., and their wives were guests at the local's first banquet in their honor. Above left are the Varnados, the Hoppers, the Ainsworths, the Graces, the Williamses and the Hendrixsons. At right is the local's new assistant business manager, Brother C. E. Shaffer with Mrs. Shaffer and their son, 12. They have another son, also, age 14.



At the Board banquet are, from left, the Martins, the Bridges, the Morrisons, the Shorters and Mrs. J. W. Russell.

Nike station is being built, a \$600,000 housing job at the Loring Air Force Base at Limestone, for officers' quarters, and a four-million-dollar heating job at the Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Recently Business Manager Dunn, signed Goudreau Electric Company of Lewiston, to our growing list of union contractors, and I think we will have more of the same.

I would like to comment, just briefly on the achievements of our deep-water electricians. Recently the following men went on a trial run of good old No. 259, a minesweeper, built at East Boothbay. First there was Captain Thomas Murphy, who did a very creditable job, without relief, in holding down the pilot house. Gene Lewis, held down a sack to keep it from going overboard. Dick Woodhead (O.T.) kept the 400 cycle going like a cat purring, with the very able help of that old Navy hand, Bill Gould. Steve Read kept the ship-service switchboard in line without a hitch, with the aid of plenty of milk and

a breath of fresh air now and then. Pete Hoyt and Clayt. Churchill, second and first mates respectively, prowled the ship constantly with their bull whips ready. This was a good thing as Red Ross and "Old Sarge" Lewis, wanted to swim ashore and they were prevented from doing this by the mates' prompt action. "Old Sarge" even had the energy left to save his teeth from a ferocious sea-gull attack and Red had the courage, born of desperation, to leave the radio shack with such speed as to not leave a trace of his having been there.

I was everywhere (trying to find a spot on the ship that didn't move up and down) observing everything (mostly wondering why the ship was never still) taking notes for future reference, (and noting to bring a saddle with me the next time to ride the bucking ship). How it was possible to hold a tongue-tester and take current readings during anchor tests, with both hands gripping the bulkhead I will never know. All kidding

aside, it was a rough day but we can all joke about it now that we have both feet on dry land.

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, P.S.

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### Local 568 Retains Services of Attorney

L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUEBEC—Another additional benefit was acquired by the members of this local union at our last monthly meeting, when the membership approved unanimously the resolution put forward by the Executive Board to hire our own lawyer for the local union affairs and the personal problems of our members. Brother Phil Cutler, member of Local 144 of the Plumbers and Steamfitters International Association is the lawyer whose services have been retained on a six months' trial basis by our local union. Brother Cutler is well versed in the problems of the working man and union members, having been both himself and if any one of our members should need legal advice for anything outside of criminal or family cases, all they need to do is to call at this local union office for a letter of introduction to present to our lawyer and legal help or advice will be obtained at no cost to them.

Our own Credit Union held its third annual meeting on May 16th and a dividend of 4 percent on shares was returned to its shareholders and 10 percent rebate was made on interest paid to the borrowers. This is in addition to the free life insurance given to each eligible member, up to \$1,000.00 on his savings.

On negotiations, we have nothing new to report this month. We urge all members to make an effort to attend monthly meetings so that they will be kept up to date on this vital subject of primary importance to us all.

## *Higher Journeyman Education*



Second semester class of journeymen, of Local 611, Albuquerque, N. Mex., students of electronic control, are, left to right (seated): Robert C. Simms; J. J. Bencsics; Luther Kitchell; Roger Roehl, and (standing), L. L. Galloway, president; Carmine Russo; Fred Gray; James E. Meek; M. D. (Buddy) Carnell; Ralph Budd; Charles Kitchell; Lester Hitchens; Irvin George, and Professor Walter F. Hardgraves, the instructor. Unable to be present were Archie Weaver, Jr., Paul White and Robert Haley. (The beards and mustaches are an integral part of Albuquerque's celebration of its 250th anniversary July 4th to 14th).

Les membres de notre Union Locale auront dorénavant le privilège des services d'un avocat sans aucun déboursé de leur part pour des problèmes personnels ou autres à l'exception de cause criminelle ou affaires familiales. Les services d'un avocat ont été retenus par cette union locale pour une période d'essai de six mois, ceci fut adopté à la résolution du comité exécutif, proposée et adoptée à la dernière assemblée mensuelle. Le frère Phil Cutler, avocat, et membre du Local 144 de l'Association Intl. des Plombiers, sera chargé de fournir aux membres de notre union locale les avis et conseils légaux aux différends problèmes qui lui seront soumis par l'entremise de votre bureau. Il vous suffira de demander à votre bureau une lettre attestant votre état de membre de notre union locale pour bénéficier de ces services légaux, qui sera gratis pour tous nos membres.

Notre Caisse d'Economie a tenu sa troisième assemblée annuelle le 16 mai dernier, et le rapport financier accorde aux actionnaires un dividende de 4 percent sur les parts et 10 percent de rabais sur les intérêts payés par les emprunteurs. Ceci est en surplus du bénéfice d'assurance-vie gratis à chaque membre de la caisse jusqu'à concurrence de \$1,000.00 sur ses économies.



Mr. Silas A. Corn, Jr. of Tektronix Corporation had just completed demonstrating a Tektronix oscilloscope Model No. 535 to these members of Local 611 when this photo was shot. Seated, from left to right: Robert Simms; Fred Gray; Luther Kitchell; Archie Weaver, Jr.; Roger Roehl, and L. L. Galloway, president, Local 611. Standing: Mr. Corn; Walter F. Hardgraves, instructor; J. J. Benesics; Charles Kitchell; Ralph Budd, and Ivy L. Scott.

Sur la question de nos négociations avec nos patrons pour le nouveau contrat de travail, il n'y a rien de nouveau à rapporter ce mois-ci. Nous recommandons fortement à tous et chacun de faire un effort pour assister à leur assemblée mensuelle.

LOUIS G. THERIAULT, P.S.

## Hold Banquet for Local 605 Board Members

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—The daughter of Brother Marvin Pope, was admitted to Saint Dominic's Hospital, Jackson, with pneumonia recently. Mrs. H. J. Grace, was ad-

# PRESS SECRETARY of the Month



William Conway

This month we are proud to pay tribute to the press secretary of Local 8, Toledo, Ohio.

Brother Bill Conway who is also

mitted to Hardy Wilson Hospital, Hazlehurst, recently for a checkup. Brother Joe Bennett, one of our past presidents, was admitted to Baptist Hospital, Jackson, recently and is reportedly up and about but still having some difficulty. Brother H. D. Williams, was admitted to Baptist Hospital, Jackson—auto accident, possible internal injuries. May God Bless all these good people with health and happiness.

A short time ago we had our first banquet for Board members and their wives. These are to be held at six-month intervals and are sponsored by the local union. We had as our Honored Guests, International Representative and Mrs. Bill Hopper, of Birmingham. We had some very interesting and timely talks by Brothers Hopper, Morrison and Ainsworth, with the latter serving as our very proficient Master of Ceremonies. It was a fine banquet, was thoroughly enjoyed, and the ladies all looked very lovely.

Incidentally for the information of our membership, our new assistant business manager Brother C. E. Shaffer, will assist in administering the business for our members employed by Mississippi Power and Light Company. Brother Morrison, of course, is business manager and in addition thereto will administer all the business for our members employed by contractors, insofar as possible.

So our members are hereby re-

his local's recording secretary, was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts. At the age of 14, he went to work in a textile mill. He moved to Ohio in 1916 and it was here that he acquired the nickname, "Boston Bill" due to his rendition of the King's English ala Bostonian accent.

During World War I, Brother Conway served in the Tank Corps. Following the Armistice, he returned to Toledo and worked in the shipyards.

He was brought into the IBEW in 1924 by our late International Executive Council Member Oliver Myers.

Brother Bill is no "Johnny-Come-Lately" to the pages of the *Electrical Workers' Journal*. For many years he sent contributions to the "Short Circuit" page under the *nom de plume*, "Corn Cob Willie."

Brother Conway is married and the father of two sons, Kevin and David.

Brother Conway has been press secretary of his local for three years. We are happy to express our appreciation to him for his fine articles to our *Journal* and urge him to continue his good efforts.

quested to transact any business concerning contract work directly with Brother Bob Morrison.

*Join the COPE and VOTE.*

J. W. RUSSELL, P.S.

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## Local Helps Observe City's 250th Birthday

L. U. 611, ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.—Local 611 will assist Albuquerque in observing its 250th anniversary July 4th to 14th. While L. U. 611 cannot lay claim to doing work for the Duke of Albuquerque when the city was founded in the year 1706, it can boast of serving the Duke City for a 42-year period dating back to 1914 and the days of World War I.

Those passing through Albuquerque will note unusual growths of beard on the faces of the male population. This is by decree of the City Commission proclaimed by its chairman, Maurice Sanchez. All males without beards or males with beards which cannot be observed at a distance of eight paces are subject to apprehension by the vigilantes and trial in a Kangaroo Kourt charged with violation of the Commission's proclamation.

Tourists are welcomed and invited to stop overnight in Albuquerque to witness the Enchantorama with a cast of 1500 which will be presented nightly July 4th through July 14th.

Headquarters for the Enchantorama will be the campus of the University of New Mexico.

Employment in the jurisdiction of Local 611 is much improved after a lull earlier in the year and the bench is virtually unloaded at the present. The City of Albuquerque shows every indication of continued growth during the coming year, and to keep abreast of this steady increase in population, the Public Service Company of New Mexico is currently breaking ground for Turbine No. 4 at its Person Station.

Albuquerque's new Civic Auditorium is well along in construction and will be ready for occupancy in late 1956. The auditorium dome is of reinforced concrete. It will have a north and a south wing with seating capacity of nearly 8,000. This will truly be a landmark in the Duke City and will attract many sizable conventions to this part of the great Southwest.

The men in the accompanying picture met and enjoyed dinner together in the El Camino Dining Room at 6:30 p.m. the evening of May 17th. This event was in observance of the close of the school term for those IBEW members who were currently enrolled in the class of Modern Electrical Controls, Part II. The class represented a further adventure of L. U. 611 into an educational program for its members in the realm of skill improvement. It should be pointed out that the United States Department of Labor encourages such a skill improvement program and contributes toward its support in conjunction with and by cooperation with the state's public school system.

Following the dinner, the group adjourned to the recreation room at Public Service Company of New Mexico Service Center where appropriate certificates were presented to the class members by L. L. Galloway, president of L. U. 611.

The class also presented its instructor, Professor Walter Hardgrave, with a pipe of peace as a token of appreciation of his efforts in teaching them the fundamentals of electronic control, the use of the oscilloscope, the construction of vacuum tube voltmeters and various other phases of electronic work.

Members of Local 611 are becoming more aware of the importance of and urgency for training themselves to work in the world of electronics and automation which is already a reality in our day.

When we consider that 90 percent of the graduate electrical engineers are entering this field (known as the light current field) it is plain to see that present-day wire twisters must prepare to advance in rank and in qualifications if they hope to keep in step with the electrical industry.

Mr. Lester Hitchens spoke briefly to the group explaining the public

schools' vocational program of assisting in furthering adult education in almost every field of endeavor. He pointed out that during the past year, 800 or more adults have taken advantage of the public schools' educational facilities. This, of course, speaks well for the citizenry of Albuquerque and points out the thirst for education among individuals who recognize that the world in which we are living is growing more highly competitive as the years go by, and they are, therefore, making preparation to meet the needs of tomorrow.

Professor Hardgraves rounded out the evening's activities by showing some colored movies and slides of a recent vacation and deep sea fishing trip to La Paz Territory of Mexico situated on the peninsula of Lower California.

L. L. GALLOWAY, Acting P.S.

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## Local's President Dies In Drowning Mishap

L. U. 662, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—With a note of sorrow and a feeling of extreme loss the members of Local Union 662 announce the death on April 28, 1956 of Robert (Bob) Harris. Brother Harris' death came about as a result of a boating accident and resultant drowning on Lake

Chickamauga, just a few miles east of Chattanooga which was his home. Bob was president of Local Union 662 at the time of his untimely death.

Brother Harris did many fine things to promote the cause of his union. He had served as financial secretary, job steward where he worked at one time, and as a union committeeman on many occasions. There are not words to adequately express how we his union brothers will miss him. His devotion to his union, however, will long serve as an example to all of us who yet live. His personality and his works will surely be missed by all his friends.

We express our sympathy to Bob's family in their hour of sorrow. We want them to know that the members of this union keenly feel their pain, for we loved Bob also.

Bob was a young man in years when God saw fit to take him home. He was only 28 years of age. Perhaps we can all take consolation from the fact that those who live in God never see each other for the last time.

HAROLD STORIE, R.S.

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## Full Employment for Members of Local 666

L. U. 666, RICHMOND, VA.—After a very cool spring, with record low

temperatures, summer weather has suddenly come upon us, with record high temperatures. And with the sudden change in the weather, there has come a sudden change in our work picture. From a low point in the early spring when more than 60 of our members were either on the bench or lucky enough to find work in other parts of the country, we have reached that comfortable situation in which there are more jobs than journeymen. Later in the summer we expect that Brother Grover W. Wiley, our business manager, will have a hard time trying to locate enough men for the large number of projects that will be under way.

At this writing, final arrangements are being made to insure that our annual picnic (June 9) will be a huge success. President Arthur W. Howle, general chairman of the various picnic committees, has selected some very able workers and by the time this is read, we will have experienced another memorable outing for our members and their families. We hope to report this event with pictures and story next month.

On Thursday night, May 31, 18 former apprentices were honored at a formal completion banquet and ceremony. They were among 31 graduates from the Electrical, Sheet Metal, and Plumbing and Pipefitting trades who were feted by interested

## Completion Ceremonies in Richmond



Shown standing are fourteen of the eighteen apprentices who received Certificates of Completion at a banquet ceremony given by Local 666, Richmond, Va... Seated (left to right) are: Raymon M. Roberts, coordinator of apprenticeship and training for the Joint Apprenticeship Committee; Arthur W. Howle, president, Local 666; J. A. C. Chairman Eugene F. Griffin, Jr. of the Union Electric Co.; James A. Creamer, recording secretary; Grover W. Wiley, business manager, and John F. Owens, financial secretary. The last three named are officials of Local 666 and are the labor members of the J. A. C. Standing: George T. Burton; A. Lee Hicks; Earl E. Kinney; William P. Jenkins; Fontaine K. Bowles; Leonard J. Murphy, Jr.; G. Ray Hall; Douglas L. Conway; James T. Peay; Bernard E. Bosher; Willie M. Zahn; William A. Roberts; John Bartos, and John W. Grooms. Not in the photo: Arthur C. Faires; Walker D. Hufner; Warren E. Martin; Hollis B. Roberson, and J. A. C. Members (management) W. A. Christian, C. P. Wilson.

friends, employers, and educators. Dr. Edward E. Haddock, State Senator and public-spirited Richmonder, provided us with an interesting, humorous and thought-provoking address. He reminded us of our duty to uphold our organization, our duty to ourselves in maintaining high ideals, and our duty to our fellowman in giving real service in exchange for reasonable compensation. In closing, he said that we should live according to these rules so that the Almighty might say to us, as quoted in the Scriptures, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Highlight of the evening (to us) was the presentation of the Certificates of Completion, special awards, and gift subscriptions to a very fine trade magazine. Special awards (AMERICAN ELECTRICIANS' HANDBOOK) went to Bernard E. Bosher, Douglas L. Conway, and Willie M. Zahn, who made the three highest scores on the final Apprentice Examination.

Mr. Berlon C. Cooper, Eastern Editor of ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE Magazine, came down from New York City to present a gift card and a copy of the May issue to each of the new journeymen on behalf of the Richmond Electricians' Joint Apprenticeship Committee. We are proud and pleased that Mr. Cooper was able to visit with us.

Mr. R. H. "Bob" Wilson, of the Apprenticeship Division, Virginia State Department of Labor and Industry, was the able master of ceremonies. Bouquets go to Richard C. Miller, State supervisor, Bureau of Apprenticeship of the U. S. Department of Labor, who was chairman of the ceremony committee, for a job well done. Incidentally, Dick Miller is a longtime member of the Brotherhood, possessing Seniority Card No. 2 in this local.

We were glad to see Brother Bob Hastings in the union office the other day. Bob has spent the last seven months in McGuire's Hospital recuperating from tuberculosis. He says the doctors will let him get out a little, but he still has to take it mighty easy for the next 90 days. Best of luck, Bob!

We have other sick and disabled brothers to report, but time is running out, and we hope to beat the deadline this time.

RAYMOND M. ROBERTS, P.S.

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## Local 676 Sub-divides Into Three Units

L. U. 676, PENSACOLA, FLA.—During the past few months, several changes have taken place in Local Union 676. The Utility Workers separated to form Local Union 1055 and

the Paper Mill Maintenance Workers also separated and formed Local Union 1937. Both locals have received their charters from the International Office. Best wishes and good luck to these two new locals! Local 676 now has jurisdiction over Inside, Outside, Radio and Television Workers.

Our Negotiating Committee successfully negotiated our inside wireman contract and provided us with a nice substantial raise, 22½ cents per hour. This brings our hourly wage rate to \$3.10. The negotiations were completed before the expiration date of our old agreement and was a good job well done.

Work has been slack in this area since completion of a fairly large construction job in January. The outlook is somewhat brighter now. We are looking forward to a new paper mill which is to be built within this local's jurisdiction.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all local unions who have worked our members during this slack period and hope to be in a position to help them in the future.

H. W. HURRELL, P. S.

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## Brother Battrell Dies In On-the-Job Accident

L. U. 683, COLUMBUS, OHIO—It has been some time since Local No. 683 has appeared in "Local Lines." In the future we will try to contribute something regularly.

At our last regular meeting all members present stood for a moment in silent meditation, while our charter was being draped in memory of our late Brother, Curt Battrell, who was killed in an on-the-job accident May 14, 1956. Brother Curt was 53, and had been an I.B.E.W. member for 30 years. All who knew Curt will really miss him for he was a soft-spoken man who never became excited whatever happened, a good mechanic with a heart of gold and as big as all outdoors. May he rest in peace.

The Joint Labor-Management Committee has concluded negotiations on a new agreement. They agreed to a two-

## Nature Study



Brother Reddy of Local 716, Houston, Tex., points out a nest of tiny birds he came across on the proposed site of the Stone Webster job near Sweeney, Tex.

year agreement—the first two-year agreement for this Local. It calls for a 10 cent increase in pay, effective June 1, 1956 and a 13 cent raise effective June 1, 1957. There were some other minor changes also.

This being 1956 and time for elections, interest in the affairs of the local, particularly on meeting nights has picked up considerably. My only comment—turn out to vote, regardless of how you vote, come out and vote. Those who do not vote have no excuse for complaints.

Fifteen apprentices successfully completed the Journeyman Wireman's examination and will be reclassified as such June 1st. The ceremony of graduation will be completed on June 20th at the annual apprentice banquet held under the direction of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. More details, along with pictures will be forthcoming after the banquet.

After a lapse of seven years Local No. 683 will again hold a family picnic. This was once an annual affair but for one reason or another it was dropped in 1949. August 4th is the red letter date this year and it should be a gala occasion, what with fried chicken and all the "trimmings," refreshments and plenty of entertainment, for young and old. Social affairs and get-togethers of this kind could go a long way toward making all unions stronger. Renewing old friendships, becoming acquainted with newer members, talking over old times and new problems and just plain fellowship together makes for harmony and strength in any organization.

PAUL HAERING, P. S.

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## Present Resolutions For Convention Action

L. U. 791, BOSTON, MASS.—The regular meeting of Local 791 was held May 3, 1956, at the Hotel Essex in Boston. It was pleasing to see a large part of our members in attendance.

Mr. Al Maloof and Mr. John Doherty were elected delegates to the Boston Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on June 6-7-8. Here are some of the resolutions for the convention agenda:

Resolutions—for 1956 Convention at Boston, Mass.—June 1956

(1) Resolved that: Delegates here assembled request the Railway Employees' Department through the Executive Board of System Federation No. 17; to start a movement, on a "National Basis" that would prohibit the railroads from furloughing an employee who has 20 or more years of seniority and who has not attained the pensionable age; and/or, that the railroads be required to provide some type of severance pay.

## Hold Banquet in Georgia



These were among the guests when Local 896, Macon, Ga., held its recent banquet. Left to right across the page: H. E. Wyatt, Georgia Power Co.; Mrs. G. X. Barker; Vice President Barker; H. W. Gurley, local president; Mrs. Gurley; Mrs. Earl King; Earl King; Pete Copelan, Mrs. E. G. Copelan; Mrs. C. L. Davis, Gracie and Billie Davis; Brother Davis; Mrs. K. D. Davis, and Mrs. E. D. Farr.

(2) Resolved that: The Railway Labor Act be amended to provide that all wage increases negotiated under the act be retroactive to 60 days after serving formal notice.

(3) Resolved that: The employees be granted in all crafts 21 days sick leave each year on an accumulative basis.

(4) Resolved that: A differential be established for the second and third shift employees.

(5) Resolved that: Employees going into military service, or those furloughed by the company be permitted to retain their passes.

(6) Resolved that: Present rules in our controlling agreement be thoroughly revised to cover—"Diesel-Engines" and "Diesel Atomic Engines" and "Budd-Car" work more thoroughly.

(7) Resolved that: Our controlling agreement specifically state that the employee will receive the difference in pay while he serves on the jury.

(8) Resolved that: The Retirement Act be amended so an employee can retire at 60 years of age or 30 years of service, regardless of age.

(9) Resolved that: Railway Labor Executives Association, sponsor a national movement for the enactment of a Federal Workmans' Compensation Act to cover the Railroad worker.

(10) Resolved that: Unemployment Insurance Act be amended to eliminate the seven day-waiting period in cases of sickness or unemployment lasting 15 or more days.

(11) Resolved that: All locals receive copies of System Federation No. 17; minutes within 30 or 60 days after each meeting.

(12) Resolved that: Since under the Rule-13-A provisions of our working agreement the mechanical inspectors are working a 48-hour week with a lower hourly rate of pay than the Machinists that Rule 13-A be abolished and that the mechanical inspectors be placed on a 40-hour work week basis, with a pay rate equal to



Brother I. E. Smith receives his 20-year service pin from local President H. W. Gurley, center, and International Vice President G. X. Barker, the amount they now receive for a 48-hour work week.

(13) Resolved that: Executive Board of System Federation No. 17 thoroughly review all policies on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad which are detrimental to all crafts; copies of same to be given to all locals; because of its obscurity.

A—Military service line of demarcation;

B—Encampment pay—etc.

(14) Resolved that: Our controlling agreement specifically state a "Personal Leave" rule whereby members or officers of crafts can attend funerals, and be compensated by company.

(15) Resolved that: Language be drafted concerning "Communism" and same to be made a part of the "System Federation No. 17 By law Premble".

(16) Resolved that: Due to the "Technological Improvements and said era of Atomic Energy, delegates of said Convention of the New Haven Railroad request the "Railway Employes Department" through the Executive Board of System Federation No. 17 to sponsor a National movement of, "on-the-job training of our present Railroad Worker" in conjunction with said railroad workers assignment by the carrier.

(17) Resolved that: Annual leave of 10 days be given to the employees on an accumulative basis.

LOUIS BRIGHT, P. S.

## Other Locals, Aid 835 Men to Find Work

L. U. 835, JACKSON, TENN.—Most of our men are working now and the old bench looks lonesome. We do not have work here in this jurisdiction but, the men have gone out in the field and landed work through other locals. We appreciate this and hope to some day be able to return the favor.

Mr. Nichols, our business manager for ten years is not running again. His health has not been good in several months and on the advice of his doctor, he is going to take it easy for a while. But, just you watch him when he does get to feeling better... he will be on a job some place up to his neck.

Hope each of you have a good vacation... for me, I'm just going to take it easy with a little side trip.

J. W. GOODWIN, P. S.

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## Washington Settles Jurisdictional Dispute

L. U. 840, GENEVA, N. Y.—This month has brought forth a jurisdictional dispute in our area, which ended by its being sent to Washington for arbitration. The argument was over the five miles of electrical fence at the Seneca Ordinance Depot at Romulus, New York, and was being disputed by the iron workers, linemen, and Local 840. It was decided that the electricians set insulators on studs, posts on insulators, the Y tailpiece above posts, and rails on top of posts. The iron workers are to string fencing and barbed wire.

The Geneva Building Trades are picketing the construction of a non-union bowling alley in Canandaigua.

We're having a busy year around Geneva this year. All of our men are working, and we plan to call some out-of-town men shortly, as more work is opening up all the time.

George Johnson has really been hauling in the trout at Canandaigua Lake. He took to fishing after the bout with his last girl. He thought she must be related to a bird. She walked like a duck, ate like an ostrich, and watched him like a hawk.

Our Business Agent Charles Theise, has a new auto. We can really see him coming now with that rose-colored Ford.

That's about the limit of the news for now, so I'll say what one stocking said to the other stocking. "I've gotta run."

Keep your fear to yourself, but share your courage with others.

LEE R. BLAKE, P. S.

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## New Local 896 Pact With Georgia Power

L. U. 896, MACON, GA.—Since negotiations on a new contract between the six local unions operating on the properties of the Georgia Power Company, all persons involved are happy, at least for a while. All parts of the new contracts, as well as pay increases, have been put into effect.

By the printing of this correspondence, Local 896 will have completed the election of local officers to serve for the next two years. To go along with the new officers elected, the union needs the support of all its members. May I urge all members to attend the meetings of the local as often as possible.

Saturday night, May 12, was a gala event for our local. A banquet was staged for the membership here in Macon, Georgia. For areas outside Macon, a banquet will be planned to conform with their plans. We were especially happy to have with us International Vice President G. X. Barker and International Representative J. B. Pate. We extended a welcome to officials of the Macon Operating Division and nearby Arkwright Steam Electric Station of the Georgia Power Company. So once again all came home very happy over the events of the evening.

The highlight of the occasion came after a very good talk on "The Progress of Local 896 Over the Past 20 Years" given by Brother J. B. Pate. Vice President Barker gave a very interesting talk on "Automation in the Electrical Industry." He also presented a 20 year service pin of the IBEW to one of our pensioned members, Brother I. E. Smith of Thomasston, Georgia. We are deeply grateful for Brother Smith's presence at our party. Brother Smith and Brother Moorman are among our few pensioned members.

After a delicious barbecue supper, dancing was the theme with music furnished by the Savoy Quintet. The membership wishes to acknowledge

the presence of Brother "Pete" Cope-  
lan and his wife from Brunswick at  
our get-together.

And now to the local's Executive Board, we say thank you for such a nice eventful evening.

Hope Brother Freeman can find space for some photos made at the supper and until next month I'll be seeing "you all."

E. D. FARR, P. S.

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## Giant Housing Project At Texas Air Base

L. U. 920, ABILENE, TEXAS—All of our men are placed and we have some travelers. That's the way we like to see the work shaping up.

The multi-million dollar housing project is getting under way at the air base.

The banquet and the presentation of pins to our 10 and 15-year members, was enjoyed very much. About 200 attended.

The program was opened by Business Agent Herman Watley and guests were introduced by President Elton Hicks. Business Agent Frank Robinson of Midland and his wife, and Business Agent Curley Ray and his wife of San Angelo were among them.

Brother Art Edwards, Vice President of the Seventh District presented the pins. City commissioners Tom Webb and John Crutchfield were guests. Commissioner Crutchfield said that ours was the kind of banquet he liked—no long-winded speeches. That's strange talk from a lawyer!

The members voted to support a Little League base ball team. Organizers and leaders of this team are Jake Allen and Buzz Watson.

We are surely proud of our members who worked so hard in the Precinct elections. They took such an active part that they were elected candidates to the county and state convention.

Negotiations are coming up for a new contract. The following men were appointed to serve on the committee: Willie Vincent, E. B. Milam, Andrew Zachry and George Hammack.

Adios for now. See you in the next issue of our JOURNAL.

JOHN A. DAVIDSON, P. S.

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## New Tornado Damage In Flint Vicinity

L. U. 948, FLINT, MICH.—Flint has just been hit by another devastating tornado. Four persons were killed, and over one hundred injured, some of them seriously. Many homes were lost and many more damaged. Several large businesses were wiped out, including Nelson Electric Company

and Owen Electric Supply Company.

Several of our local members' homes were hard hit, but none of the boys were seriously injured. There has been no end to the praise extended to the fellows who worked around the clock for the utility companies.

All local members are working and at the present time we have quite a few travelers in town. When the weather breaks, everyone is hoping other jobs will get under way.

Our Negotiating Committee is still working hard on a contract that the membership will approve.

Since my last letter Brother A. W. "Frenchy" Fontaine has passed away. We who knew him will miss "Frenchy" around the job.

From our Sick Committee word is out that Brothers Bill Walker, Jim Duncan and Bob Jackson will be laid up for awhile.

GEORGE NICHOLS, P. S.

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## Defends Recent Strike Action of Unions

L. U. 1049, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.—Since strike news is making headlines throughout the nation, this might be a good time to discuss something that frequently becomes distorted in many newspaper reports.

There is nothing criminal in a union calling a strike. The right to strike is an inherent part of unionism. Its legality has been upheld by the highest courts in our land and dates back to the earliest days of our nation's history. The first authenticated strike on record was called in 1786 by a group of Philadelphia printers who wanted the princely salary of six dollars a week. Not all strikes are as successful as this pioneer effort. Some have been lost, some won, some violent, some peaceful. However, all strikes have but one common aim—a better standard of living for the working man.

There has been much talk recently regarding the "demands of labor." The labor movement "demands" nothing, but that a fair share of this nation's blessings and prosperity be received by the working man. Management must not only recognize but accept the fact that workers are represented by labor unions and that labor unions are an intrinsic part of American life. Each major goal attained by labor has been reached despite every conceivable obstacle management could devise . . . from strong-arm tactics at the local level, to pressure politics on a national scale. The strike is the only weapon unions can employ against such methods. It is always a last resort; a step taken only when all other efforts have failed.

No one likes a strike, least of all the man who is hurt most—the worker. No working man willingly de-

privies his family of the necessities of everyday living. No working man willingly lives on his savings, if any. It naturally follows that no man strikes without a good and sufficient reason.

As we started out to say, there is nothing criminal in calling a strike. A man on a picket line is fighting a battle; one that has brought us out of the sweatshop to the highest standard of living yet known to man.

VINCENT O'CALLAGHAN, P. S.

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## Girls Top Fellows In Bowling Turney

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—National Electric's biggest bowling event of the year took place when notices were posted all over the plant, calling girl bowlers to show the men which was the stronger sex.—losers buy the beer. The men were game and at the Ambridge Alleys May 11th, the girls had the time of their lives and believe it or not, beat the men by a large margin. There was a catch girls, we understand the men spotted you pins, but it was fun.

Helen Rodio, typist in the Consolidated Shipping office, became the bride on May 12 of Don Ostrowski, office employee of the National Supply Company. They were united in marriage at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ambridge, with a reception for 200 guests in the school auditorium of St. Peter and Paul. They traveled by car to Florida where they honeymooned for two weeks. They are both residents of Ambridge and graduated from Ambridge High school. Congratulations!

John Janicki, Depanning Department is wearing a big smile—why?—he is a winner of a nice cash prize.

Lucille Hewko, Synthetic Office, became the bride of George Wetter, supervisor on the synthetic machines, May 26th. They have invited the whole Rubber Mill department to a big wedding reception at the Coronation Hall in Conway and are spending a month honeymoon in Florida. Congratulations.

Kay Hanczaryk, Expedite Office, reads Local 83's column first, as there is a certain lineman in that local about whom she likes to read.

Sam Napoleon, Stranding Department wishes to thank all those who donated to a benefit dance in his honor. Brother Napoleon has been out of work for over a year due to ill health. The committee which sponsored the dance consisted of Chairman Walter Kleemook, Louis Cvetnich, George Gallagher, Tom Tundas and Frank Rich.

W. Presto, Nepco Department was the unlucky man when he was absent and missed the \$30.00 door prize. Next door prize will be \$35.00.

Bowling banquet news next issue?  
JOHN GOZUR, P. S.

## Help Stage Benefit Dance



When a benefit dance was staged by Local 1073, Ambridge, Pa., for Brother Sam Napoleon, these men took care of the arrangements. Kneeling, left to right: B. Sebastian, helper; Louis Cvetnich, and son Louis, Jr. Standing: Policeman J. Kensiger; W. Kleemook; F. Rich, and T. Tundas. Missing from picture was G. Gallagher.

## Sudden Relapse Fatal To Brother Wade Hicks

L. U. 1141, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Local 1141's charter is draped in memory of Brother Wade Hicks. Last month I reported the retirement, illness and subsequent recovery of Brother Hicks. We were all elated at his progress and he seemed on the road to complete recovery when his death struck suddenly.

Many of our members worked for him as a contractor, under him as a foreman and with him as a wireman; and we all learned to admire and respect him. He was always in demand by the many friends and customers he made over the years.

Wade became engaged in the electrical industry early in life. He operated the Ada Telephone Company before moving to Oklahoma City in 1917. In 1923 he became a member of IBEW Local 1141, realizing the need of organization as an Electrical Worker. Later he became engaged in the contracting business. He continued his affiliation with the union and at one time he was about the only source of union employment for his fellow members.

This era was before the writer's time but I have heard many of his contemporaries tell of those lean days and the seemingly insurmountable odds that were stacked against them when Local 1141 was in its infancy. So no wonder they speak with nostalgia and respect when they refer to Brother Wade Hicks.

He was born November 9, 1887, initiated into the IBEW July 5, 1923 and died May 7, 1956.

Brother Oscar Pennington, our long time financial secretary, gave the scriptural reading and address for the funeral service, and a beautiful address it was too.

RAY JOHNSON, P. S.

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## Local 1208 Expects Difficult Negotiations

L. U. 1208, SAVANNAH, GA.—Greetings from the "Hostess City of the South." By the time this reaches you, one half of the year will be behind us. It will be a good time to take stock to see what our accomplishments have been for the first half of '56. It will also be a good time to concentrate on problems that face us for the last half of 1956. Our local faces negotiations that last half and as usual we expect a fight on our hands. It seems that management on the properties covered by our contract has taken a cue from the N. A. M. and is trying the old game of switch, stall and dodge the issues. They seem to have a knack for ignoring the agreement, but our alert business manager and shop stewards quickly put them back in line.

We would like to remind all the IBEW locals that Labor Day is not far off and for as many as can, to plan to take part in a Labor Day parade. This is one way we can get

## Outing for Savannah Members



Members of Local 1208, Savannah, Ga., on weekend fishing trip at Lake Panasoffkee. Left to right, kneeling: "Spooks" Mixon; Charles; Glover Pitts, and John Burnett. Standing: Saffold Stephens; J. R. Walker; J. L. Burnsed, and L. I. Lanier. Brother R. E. Gould, Jr. and your scribe are not in picture.



John and Grace Burnett, host and hostess for the trip.

Now for the nice side of this report. June is just around the corner by two days and that means vacation time here again, mint juleps, lemonade and the ole swimming pool. Come to think of it, June is only the half way point between last winter and next winter. How 'bout that?

From the meeting hall, preparations are being made for the forthcoming nomination and election of your officers for the new term of 1956 to 1958. Come to the meeting and vote. Vote for the men who will steer your organization. Bigger and better times are coming for all Electrical Workers.

Keep the safety first slogan in your mind at all times.

Oops, I'm over the 300 word limit so I conclude my nice and not so nice report. Take it easy boys, hot weather is here.

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

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## Dance and Social Held by Local 1427

L. U. 1427, CHICAGO, ILL.—On April 20, L. P. 1427 held its 8th Annual Dance and Social at the Midland Hotel. The chance for \$2,600 worth of quality prizes, including load-building appliances, and an evening of good dancing and sociability combined to make this one of our most successful dances. This annual affair is enjoying a greater following as evidenced by the increase in the number of management people attending. It is proving to be an excellent aid in promoting a better understanding between the union and the Commonwealth Edison Company.

Johnny Belmont's Orchestra kept the dancers on the go in the Grand Ballroom while the strolling Agnes Sampson Trio played background music for those relaxing in the lounges.

Not wanting to detract from the gay party atmosphere of the evening but realizing its definite importance, Howard Morse, L. U. 1427's president



View of part of the camp where the guests stayed.

before the public. Our local has elected a committee to meet with other labor organizations in Savannah to organize a Labor Day parade.

On May 24, some of the members of Local 1208 went to Riekego Camp on beautiful Lake Panasoffkee at Panasoffkee, Florida for a weekend of fishing. John and Grace Burnett were our host and hostess and a good time was had by all.

We would like to urge all our members to work safely and to attend union meetings regularly.

JULIAN J. WALLACE, P. S.

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## 200 Furloughed from U. S. Coast Guard Yard

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—Hello folks. Here we are again with another nice, and not so nice, report from the U. S. Coast Guard Yard down at Curtis Bay, Maryland.

I shall go into the *not so nice* part of this report first. Management has dealt a very low blow to the 200 or more faithful career civilian workers who didn't have 15 to 20 years seniority. They were given furlough papers and will be replaced by other workers. After putting in the best years of their lives for the government service, that is the citation they receive.

Some of the 30 or more electricians who have received notice may benefit somewhat by working on construction work, but to them it will be like starting out to learn a new way of life. Brothers, if that is not letting a man down, you figure it out for yourselves. As of this writing, no one can fortell what the yard will be like after July 1st when the new fiscal year starts. How well this scribe remembers the slogan of the U. S. Coast Guard during the past World War, "You have to go out, but you don't have to come back." That is a very appropriate sentence.

## Chicago Local's Annual Dance



Right: Our Business Manager and "visiting firemen" from some of the other Locals in the Edison System who attended Chicago Local 1427's dance. Standing: Fred Jonas of 1427; Victor Erickson, president, Local 1557, Dixon, Ill; Carl E. Linstrom, business manager of 1427; Bud Evans of Substation 1366; Jim Scharpenter, president, Generating 1359, Chicago; and Dixie Carter, president, Construction 1367, Chicago. Seated: Mrs. Fred Jonas; Mrs. Jim Scharpenter; Mrs. Victor Erickson; Doris Zindt, secretary at Joint Board Office, and Mrs. Dixie Carter. Left: Rose Dahms, Barbara Herman and Annette Doyle get in line to sign up for November Caribbean Cruise promoted by Local 1427 in cooperation with Pleasure Tours. Guy Petit-Clerc, owner of Pleasure Tours, points to the dotted line as Ed Kelly, local's vice president, and Miss DeHenney kibitz.



Left: As our guests entered the ballroom, these lovely girls greeted them with a program and pinned flowers on the ladies. All this and a pleasant smile, too. Left to right: Rose Gianoli; Peggy Blaney; Rosemary Sereno; Pat Novelle; Dorothy Kase; Monica Morse; Dorothy Henderson; Hannah Sullivan, and Mary Beth Hoffman. Right: You'd smile too if you had just won a week's vacation for two at Buckhorn Mountain Ranch in Colorado. Charlie Evans, owner and manager of the ranch, and Guy Petit-Clerc of Pleasure Tours, donors, present Miss Sarah Salamone with her prize.

and negotiator, was introduced by Carl Lindstrom, business manager, who appealed to the members to show their appreciation for Howard's efforts by turning out a heavy vote on the recently completed negotiations. President Morse outlined the settlement briefly to the very large and attentive gathering, stressing the importance of a large turn out. "We feel it was a reasonable and fair settlement and, as is your obligation, you should register your approval or disapproval." Tremendous applause followed Howard's comments and the turnout of 2½ times the previous vote showed a sincere effort on the part of our members.

ELWOOD O. WILDINSON,  
Entertainment Chairman.

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### Local 1505 Stages a Tenth Anniversary Ball

L. U. 1505, WALTHAM, MASS.—An estimated 2,000 members filled the 1st



Here's a portion of the \$2,600 worth of prizes given out at Local 1427's 8th Annual Dance at the Midland Hotel in Chicago on April 20.

Corps Cadet Armory in Boston on May the 19th, to dance and be entertained by some of the top show people in the New England area. This was the largest and most successful event ever put on by the Local. All due credit and congratulations go to President Ed McDonald; his dance

committee chairman, Mike Minoie, and all the members whose hard work made Local 1505's Tenth Anniversary Ball the tremendous success that it was.

Our local, with a membership of nearly 12,000, is fast growing along with the expansion of the Raytheon

Manufacturing Company. Within the next few years it is very possible that we will have an additional five to six thousand more members.

Your Building Committee has started once more, with a much brighter outlook, negotiations for the purchase of the Hovey Memorial Building in Waltham, for a permanent home for Local 1505.

The Building Corporation held its annual election of officers in May. Joe Yerardi was unanimously elected president and Joe Capalbo vice president. Unanimously re-elected were Jim Johnson, treasurer and Toni Meisner, clerk.

DICK STEARNS, P. S.

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## Big Navy Order Aids Hanson Local

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—Greetings to all from Local 1514. Here I am again, trying to give you the news and gossip as I see and hear it at the Wheeler Reflector Company. The negotiating of our new contract is finished and the contract is about to be signed. I won't try to tell you what the results were this year, because I haven't quite figured them out myself. A little confusing, that is! Just kidding, just kidding! The committee did a fine job as usual. Quite a few of the members didn't attend the contract meeting at the Hanson A. A. Also, quite a few of those who did, didn't vote. I don't know why, but I guess they didn't know what they were voting for or didn't care one way or the other. Some of those who don't vote don't voice their opinions at a meeting, but down in the factory you can hear them for a mile!

Business right now is at a high peak. We have a large Navy order which helps out a great deal. Every time I turn around I see a new face. Let's hope it keeps up. With all this new help, we are going to have our parking troubles again. I think it would be a fine thing if the local and the company could get together and

straighten this business out. Isn't that right, Red?

Arnold Adams just blossomed out with a new car. Some sport old boy! . . . Some people say John Torres is going to drive an Army tank now instead of a car. It might be a rougher ride but they don't bend as easily as an automobile. How about that, John! . . . I think Lawrence Raby looks better with his hat on, don't you Dick F.?

Well, I guess I have run out of words so I will end this article. If any of you members have anything of interest that you would like to see in this column, let me know.

P.S. Just because our contract is all settled, that doesn't mean we aren't going to have any regular meetings for the next three years, so, I'll be seeing you at the next one at the Hanson A. A. No crowding—there are plenty of seats. Who can tell, you may win the drawing . . . See you . . .

"SCOOP SAYCE, P. S.

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## Insufficient Attention Given State Offices

L. U. 1654, OTTAWA, OHIO—Well, by the time this is printed practically all state primaries will be over and the nation will be sitting back to watch the big conventions. I think "the greatest show on Earth" is a real name for these conventions, and they are certainly the most important shows on earth.

But, important as these conventions are, and as vitally important as the November elections for President are, I wonder sometimes if the importance of some of the so-called minor offices isn't overlooked. Most people realize the powers of Congressmen and Senators, no matter who is President, but the power of state legislators, county officials, and city councilmen are sometimes overlooked. For example, there is some talk here and elsewhere about the Guaranteed Annual Wage. No matter what you think, the G.A.W. was declared illegal in Ohio by the last state legislature, and will

remain so as long as the present setup of the legislature stays the same.

Also, at the present time there is talk around Ottawa of a payroll tax. You think what you want to, but a payroll tax naturally hurts the wage-earner more than the property owner. Should the little man always bear the brunt of the taxes?

So, when you vote in November, think carefully about whom you vote for for President, but also think carefully about your vote for Senator, Congressman, State Senator, and State Representative.

The right persons in these offices can affect your take home pay.

EUGENE J. WEBER, P. S.

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## High Praise for N. B. Progress Meet

L. U. 1928, HALIFAX, N. S.—Brothers Hubley, Sanford, and the writer have recently returned from our first progress meeting where we represented our newly organized L.U. 1928.

"Satisfied?" That would be a mild word to use in describing our reactions to such purposeful gatherings. We came away from St. John, New Brunswick with a strong inner feeling of pride in the knowledge that we are part of an International Union that is without a peer in the field of Christian and democratic trade unionism. Proud we are too, that our good International officers, and others, have been ever watchful lest our great Brotherhood become tainted with the harmful elements of gangsterism and communism. Without a doubt it is due to their prowess and wisdom that we have become neither "pinkish" nor "mobish" in the public eye. We are deeply grateful to those who are responsible for the brotherhood's good name and reputation, and we urge them to continue their "clean house" program whenever and wherever it is deemed necessary.

We were honored to have had our International President and our International Secretary with us during the Progress Meeting sessions. Also

## 10th Birthday in Waltham



At the anniversary ball marking the tenth year of Local 1505, Waltham, Mass., huge throngs of members and their guests enjoy the song interpretations of Frankie Laine, left, and the Laurie Sisters, right.

## At 6th District Progress Meet



International officers and representatives and members of Local 1859, Cicero, Ill., pose at the recent Progress Meeting of the Sixth District, held in Chicago.

in attendance was Brother Patterson, who is Canada's representative on our International Executive Council tee, as well as our International Vice President John Raymond, and that well known old-timer Brother "Nig" Tracy.

Our International Vice President acted as presiding officer at the business sessions and did an excellent job although he impressed us as being very tired from overwork and badly in need of an exceedingly well-earned vacation. We wish to thank Brother Patterson for the thought-provoking talk he gave us on railway problems.

Brother Keenan was an inspiring speaker and his inspiration coupled with a little "fire" had us on the edge of our seats and left us with a comprehensive understanding of our brotherhood's finances and membership problems. Thank you Brother Keenan.

We met our new International President Brother Gordon M. Freeman. Glory be, isn't it marvelous—I mean the fact that God takes one good man away from us, yet never fails to give us another. Eternal credit to those who chose Brother Freeman as the replacement for our beloved J. Scott Milne. Here is a quiet, sincere man, hard-working and determined as a bulldog to do all in his power and within the bounds of reason to further the aims and objectives of our Brotherhood. His determination and good will stand out all over him and we are on record as being firmly convinced that he will lead our Brotherhood to greater heights than ever. Let us not forget to ask the intercession of Divine Providence that he may be with us for many years. What better way to assure ourselves a fruitful future! Last but not least we thank him for his kindness, advice, and assistance while in St. John, New Brunswick, and again, Brother Freeman, thanks for your most welcome and interesting talk on "Utilities."

Perhaps the most potent accomplishment of these annual progress



International President Gordon Freeman presents his congratulations to Vice President M. J. Boyle for a successful and productive series of discussions.

meetings is the opportunity they afford the various local union officers to meet one another in an atmosphere that permits the discussion of mutual problems. The lectures of the International Officers are helpful and the "tips" picked up are of immense value in solving the problems that arise from time to time at the local union level. We were able to obtain copies of contracts held by other local unions and at the same time we had the rare opportunity to discuss their contents with those who had negotiated them. The writer has a strong conviction that he gained more general knowledge at that gathering in a couple of days than he would ordinarily acquire in a year of participation in the normal operating activities of the average local union.

Not wanting to be remiss in our social obligations we offer our thanks and highest praises to the St. John locals whose members comprised

the committee charged with the responsibility of caring for the needs of such a gathering. If one of these meetings is ever held in Halifax we hope we shall be able to measure up to the standards set by our St. John membership.

One other thing. When the leaves start to fall we plan to meet with the five other I.B.E.W. locals in the Halifax area with a view to holding some form of social function for all members in the area. Out of this will come (we hope) a Joint Council of the I.B.E.W. which should provide us with a means to make our voice heard in all phases of union activity for the common good.

Our sympathy goes to Brother Morley Boutilier whose father died recently. Sorry Morley, but we were not notified in time to send the wreath we would have liked to send. Shop stewards—please take notice.

PERRY RONAYNE, R. S.

## U. S. at War

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destroying the fruits of liberty this nation had fought two wars with Great Britain to enjoy, brought about the bitterest war a nation can taste. Civil War, with father against son and brother against brother, pierced the heart of our nation and poured out its blood from Atlanta to Gettysburg, from Vicksburg and Memphis to Richmond.

We, a nation that had been "conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," had denied our birthright and kept men enslaved. Our states denied their allegiance to flag and country and set out to tear their homeland limb from limb under the banner of secession. Eleven southern states joined the rebellion, set up a Confederacy, seized Federal forts and arsenals in the south, and on April 12, 1861 attacked Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor.

Four years of war, of terrible sacrifice of human life, were necessary to bring the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House in April 1865. The Union, born of man's love of liberty, was preserved—once more the Stars and Stripes flew across the wide expanse of the United States. And, resulting from this Civil War, in the path of the flag came guaranteed freedoms and rights, in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution.

But our struggles for right and freedom were not ended. Instead they were destined to become linked with those same efforts of men in every part of the world. In the year 1914 all of Europe was involved in deadly war. Despite President Wilson's Proclamation of Neutrality, we slowly became embroiled in the conflict partly through sympathies of groups in the United States with one side or the other, foreign propaganda campaigns, and war trade and investments.

At the same time, Americans became aroused over Germany's invasion of neutral Belgium, reports

of German atrocities, sabotage acts against American munitions on the part of German agents, and German attempts to involve us in war with Mexico and Japan. Finally, angered over sinking of American ships and loss of American lives, Congress declared war April 6, 1917.

In this crusade for democracy in which we had served so unselfishly, world losses amounted to 10 million dead, 20 million wounded, widespread ruin and bankruptcy. And while the hopeful cried peace, there was no true peace, but only pause for rearmament by Hitler, Mussolini and Japanese War Lords.

Japanese bombs at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, brought us into the most destructive war the world has ever known. It was a war in which sufferings of peoples the world over could not ever be completely described nor even imagined; in which democracy, fighting for survival, crushed at last the

## The Fight Is On

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However, the fight will go on inexorably and it will inevitably involve candidates for state office who must stand up and be counted. It will involve Congressional candidates.

That means that we need every IBEW member and every other member of organized labor, alert and ready, working now and right up to Election Day, to get the right kind of people elected.

And once more we make a sincere and earnest plea for contributions to COPE. Liberal candidates need financial help so badly and they have nowhere to turn but to us. They have chosen to throw in their lot with us and work for our interests. They have rejected those who could help them, "buy" them, so to speak, in favor of the cause of the common people. They are entitled to our support, and every union member who refuses it by refusing to make a contribution to COPE, is unworthy of the long, honorable reputation established by organized labor, for sacrificing to win right and justice.

totalitarian regimes of the Axis powers.

As the mushroom clouds drifted away from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we awoke to find as some cruel joke, the most monstrous offender against the Four Freedoms, Communist Russia, sitting at the peace conferences, an honored member of the Allied Nations.

The Communists then, tyrants over a vast area of the world's surface, in 1950 turned their sights to Korea, a perfect stepping stone to Japan and the Philippines. Already in control of China's mainland and the northern part of Korea to the 38th parallel, on June 25, 1950, they attacked the Republic of South Korea, just one year after the United States, in fulfilling her solemn pledge, had withdrawn the last occupation forces from that republic.

This aggression on the part of communism was regarded not only as a treacherous act against the South Korean republic, but as a direct threat to the security of the United States and in fact to the security of the entire world, and so our forces in the interests of true world peace once again went into battle.

Fear of triggering a third World War led this United Nations' "police action," the burden of which we carried, to end in stalemate rather than complete victory. But we had stopped Communist aggression in one part of the globe and so an armistice was signed July 27, 1953.

Lincoln once wrote, "Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere." Our past wars attest to our belief in Lincoln's words. And these struggles, so terrible as they have been in their price of wounded and dead, have been the means of establishing and preserving this sweet land of liberty of ours and of defending the freedoms of others. Any retelling of their stories can but serve to hold up before our eyes, a vision of hope for tomorrow, for ourselves and for the peoples of the world.

# Union Shop Forges Ahead

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"(2) It is fair that all workers should share the costs of collective bargaining representation. Where all share in wage increases and benefits negotiated by the union, and all are represented by the union on grievances, working conditions and other matters, all should share the expenses of running the union."

We wish to call to the attention of all our members another significant point, in that many employers in so-called "right-to-work" states have agreed to union shop clauses that would become operative on repeal of the anti-security laws. Others have said that they are agreeable to adding a union security clause whenever it may be legally done.

All of which points out a pattern for our members and all the members of organized labor to follow. Our No. 1 legislative job is to follow the example of the union members of Louisiana and not rest until the "right-to-work" laws in the 17 states where they exist are wiped from the statute books.

It is important for every labor union if the labor movement is to grow and prosper. One of the best ways we know of, of substantially increasing our membership at a minimum of effort and cost, is through negotiation of union security clauses.

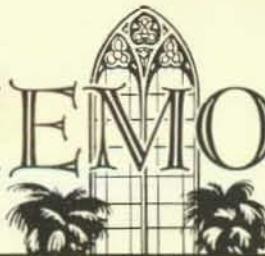
Here's an excellent example to illustrate our point. Business Manager Alex Neuwirth of L. U. 1607, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, recently notified us of negotiation of the union shop clause in an agreement with the John Oster Manufacturing Company (makers of small appliances). He further stated that negotiation of this clause will immediately raise membership of that local from 650 to 1,200.

We sincerely hope that every local of our Brotherhood will press hard to get a union shop clause into every agreement negotiated and if they have to repeal a few laws to do it, we say more power to them!

## Death Claims for May, 1956

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
L. O. (1)	Jones, D. A.	\$1,000.00	59	Alexander, R. B.	\$75.00
L. O. (3)	Chrystal, H.	1,000.00	75	Gruszynski, W.	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	Uhl, C. J.	1,000.00	77	Westlund, R. O.	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	Stafford, H. F.	1,000.00	77	Goodin, R. R.	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	Ogle, G. H.	1,000.00	77	Climsmith, W. N.	\$25.00
L. O. (3)	Bryan, R. H.	1,000.00	77	Hoge, P. G.	1,000.00
L. O. (2)	Latham, H. A.	1,000.00	81	Jenkins, H.	1,000.00
L. O. (5)	Smith, V. A.	1,000.00	81	Curran, C. P.	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	Anzustien, G. R.	1,000.00	95	Lake, V. S.	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	Knaack, O. E.	1,000.00	96	Thomasset, E. R.	1,000.00
L. O. (11)	Enderwies, G. T.	1,000.00	96	O'Rourke, W. A.	1,000.00
L. O. (11)	Pelletier, L. R.	1,000.00	98	Lachman, J. P.	1,000.00
L. O. (7)	Cope, B. N.	1,000.00	98	Wenrich, G. R.	1,000.00
L. O. (8)	Sanchez, P. C.	1,000.00	106	Hauer, D. B.	1,000.00
L. O. (18)	Fentress, L. L.	1,000.00	103	Krul, J. F.	1,000.00
L. O. (34)	Kleptner, F. E.	1,000.00	112	Small, V. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	Hendryx, C. G.	1,000.00	125	Conroy, T.	1,000.00
L. O. (40)	Elliott, F. D.	1,000.00	125	Davidson, F. L.	1,000.00
L. O. (11)	Whitney, A. C.	1,000.00	124	Tendick, H. J.	\$25.00
L. O. (46)	Grove, J. W.	1,000.00	133	Freivald, H. A.	1,000.00
L. O. (45)	Hertinek, F. G.	1,000.00	134	Bruse, R. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (38)	Moyer, F.	1,000.00	134	Metzann, J. P.	1,000.00
L. O. (51)	Shane, S. B.	1,000.00	134	Williams, J.	1,000.00
L. O. (59)	Alston, A. L.	1,000.00	134	Jenkins, J. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (75)	Merrifield, R. W.	1,000.00	134	Blaney, T. F.	1,000.00
L. O. (75)	Krichen, K.	1,000.00	134	Jensen, W. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (98)	MacArthur, A.	1,000.00	136	Barnett, E. O.	1,000.00
L. O. (103)	Johnston, W. L.	1,000.00	141	Anderson, G. R.	1,000.00
L. O. (103)	Crane, J. A.	1,000.00	142	Shea, J. J.	\$25.00
L. O. (104)	Balkan, R. A.	1,000.00	153	Lem, C. V.	1,000.00
L. O. (124)	Baugh, J. B.	1,000.00	163	English, F. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (125)	Stansbery, C. E.	1,000.00	166	Kreplin, E. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (125)	Haney, C. D.	1,000.00	180	Hobson, R. L.	1,000.00
L. O. (125)	Allingham, G. L.	1,000.00	180	Grotte, W. F.	1,000.00
L. O. (150)	Sparks, W. H.	1,000.00	213	Dorman, T.	1,000.00
L. O. (151)	Huhaea, J. L.	1,000.00	230	Hardisty, E. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (154)	Madiana, J.	1,000.00	235	Morgan, J. A.	888.89
L. O. (151)	Omeara, M. C.	1,000.00	256	Harrill, R. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (154)	Berinstein, J. C.	1,000.00	275	LeBrun, W. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (154)	McElheney, L.	1,000.00	292	Negrone, E.	333.34
L. O. (154)	Hanke, G. J.	1,000.00	292	Spencer, W. G.	1,000.00
L. O. (151)	Branklin Jr., T. P.	1,000.00	295	Martin, V. H.	1,000.00
L. O. (148)	Creighton, W. G.	1,000.00	302	Webster, E. F.	1,000.00
L. O. (152)	Schindler, G. F.	1,000.00	303	Taylor, V. R.	500.00
L. O. (180)	Cohen, B.	1,000.00	304	Trotman, D. T.	1,000.00
L. O. (181)	Quinn, B.	1,000.00	304	White, D. M.	825.00
L. O. (185)	Smith, W.	1,000.00	309	Bufl, P. B.	1,000.00
L. O. (193)	Sammons, W. H., Jr.	1,000.00	314	Book, W. W.	650.00
L. O. (211)	Kosdler, E. L.	1,000.00	319	Jackson, S. F.	1,000.00
L. O. (211)	Braess, E. H.	1,000.00	319	Kammer, D. H.	\$25.00
L. O. (231)	French, B. F.	1,000.00	329	Copeland, S. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (263)	Welch, G. W.	1,000.00	360	Snow, T. G.	1,000.00
L. O. (283)	Stuart, C. E.	1,000.00	369	Merrill, H. B.	1,000.00
L. O. (283)	Hulsmann, H. H.	1,000.00	389	Winchell, F. K.	1,000.00
L. O. (309)	Willis, H. L.	1,000.00	396	Orr, Jr., W. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (358)	Franke, J. B.	1,000.00	397	Stephenson, G. L.	1,000.00
L. O. (363)	Test, C.	1,000.00	397	Pearl, R. F.	1,000.00
L. O. (401)	Lough, A. F.	1,000.00	417	Zimmerman, C. R.	1,000.00
L. O. (455)	Metjean, E. A.	1,000.00	477	Raiford, D. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (598)	Dadlin, J. H.	1,000.00	479	Lawrence, B.	1,000.00
L. O. (530)	McLaughlin, J. H.	1,000.00	488	Kearns, S.	1,000.00
L. O. (551)	Thomson, R.	1,000.00	490	Jones, H. C.	650.00
L. O. (551)	Cole, F. H.	1,000.00	494	Selzer, E.	1,000.00
L. O. (588)	Lynch, J. J.	1,000.00	494	Waterworth, W. A.	1,000.00
L. O. (595)	Lindahl, H.	1,000.00	497	Hammer, W. M.	1,000.00
L. O. (595)	Platt, A. C.	1,000.00	497	Vog, J. L.	1,000.00
L. O. (625)	Marsh, H. S.	1,000.00	505	Powell, J. H.	1,000.00
L. O. (628)	Boutwell, F. H.	1,000.00	527	Coffey, E. P.	1,000.00
L. O. (654)	Oates, G. W.	1,000.00	531	Lindau, J. E.	412.50
L. O. (713)	Blaier, T.	1,000.00	538	Hamilton, H. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (719)	Hartnett, J. J.	1,000.00	561	Boudreaux, G. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (770)	Urban, P. B.	1,000.00	606	Johnson, J. F.	475.00
L. O. (794)	Wolfe, F. E.	1,000.00	611	Briggs, C. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (879)	Harlow, N. A.	1,000.00	611	Theiler, R. P.	1,000.00
L. O. (881)	Ford, L. P.	1,000.00	617	Peckman, O.	1,000.00
L. O. (933)	Styles, V. L.	1,000.00	631	Sager, Jr., W. H.	1,000.00
L. O. (1141)	Hicks, W. F.	1,000.00	637	Whitaker, C. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (1340)	Thomson, T. B.	1,000.00	648	King, E. T.	1,000.00
L. O. (1393)	James, C. E.	1,000.00	663	Kasper, J.	1,000.00
1	Martin, D.	1,000.00	687	Traves, C.	1,000.00
2	Freier, S.	150.00	702	Schlueter, E. J.	1,000.00
3	Edwards, S.	1,000.00	716	Shagle, C. M.	1,000.00
3	Simsly, P.	1,000.00	733	Kennon, G. R.	1,000.00
3	Lewis, J. F.	1,000.00	739	Hearns, R. E.	1,000.00
3	Ernest, J.	650.00	732	Cool, J.	1,000.00
3	Frazer, J. A.	1,000.00	770	Phillips, D.	1,000.00
3	Anderson, R.	1,000.00	774	Wirtanen, T. A.	1,000.00
3	Bridshaw, W. R.	1,000.00	789	Thredgall, E. J.	1,000.00
3	Macaulan, P. P.	1,000.00	784	Leinen, C. M.	1,000.00
3	Schott, J. J.	1,000.00	803	Travis, C.	1,000.00
6	Owen, D. E.	\$25.00	835	Seaton, H. N.	1,000.00
9	Bronzton, H. L.	1,000.00	836	Clemens, C. M.	1,000.00
9	Urbrie, F. J.	1,000.00	839	Brown, H. J.	1,000.00
11	Pence, L. S.	1,000.00	861	Chauvin, R. A.	1,000.00
11	Powder, J. E.	\$25.00	879	Cooks, C. H.	1,000.00
11	Martin, C. E.	1,000.00	872	Ziegler, B. B.	825.00
11	Vanburen, J. B.	1,000.00	898	Freeman, M. J.	475.00
11	Elliott, G.	1,000.00	909	Shepardson, R. W.	1,000.00
17	Brennan, J. B.	1,000.00	923	Almond, R. H.	1,000.00
18	Brenzkofer, D.	1,000.00	949	Erick, E. E.	1,000.00
26	Rogers, F. B.	1,000.00	953	Nanstad, R. C.	1,000.00
28	Muller, W. H.	1,000.00	955	Mace, H. H.	1,000.00
31	Martin, O. G.	1,000.00	1008	Barnhill, W. E.	300.00
38	Radke, O. E.	1,000.00	1136	Larson, H. W.	1,000.00
38	Seeholzer, A. M.	1,000.00	1249	Pennell, W.	1,000.00
40	Greenwood, J. R.	1,000.00	1288	Johnston, J. R.	1,000.00
41	Hix, J. P.	1,000.00	1315	Rush, W. W.	825.00
51	Neff, C. A.	1,000.00	1359	Hall, J. R.	1,000.00
52	Feltenberg, Jr., S.	1,000.00	1451	Wolfgang, J. E.	1,000.00
58	Scheere, A. A.	1,000.00	1461	Buhrow, E. M.	1,000.00
60	Sureddin, J. C.	1,000.00	1470	Griffin, E. J.	300.00
65	Norsard, D. B.	1,000.00	1788	Enerlek, H. S.	650.00
65	Kelly, J. M.	1,000.00	1844	Jantz, W. A.	650.00
66	Keek, C. D.	1,000.00	Total		\$218,784.73

# IN MEMORIAM



## Prayer for Our Deceased Members

*"I am the Light of the World; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life."*  
John 3:12

Lord of Light and Mercy and Forgiveness, look with kindly love on those whose names are listed here in sorrow. For them the light of earthly day will never shine again. But Thou Who art the Light of the whole world and the King of Heaven, stretch out Thy hand to these our Brothers and lead them out of the darkness and into the light of eternal life.

Look in love and sympathy, on their loved ones, Lord, who so bitterly mourn their loss. Let the light of Thy understanding shine upon them and the peace of Thy comfort descend on them, Father, so that they shall no longer be sad and distressed but filled with faith and hope.

Remember us too Lord, we who say this prayer today. Let Thy light shine for us too, so that we may follow in the path of Thy righteousness. Strengthen us in our weakness. Give us courage for our fears. Show us the way—Thy way—and help us to walk in it, so that one day we too, shall emerge from the darkness of death into the everlasting light of paradise. Amen.

### Harry Broughton, L. U. No. 9

Born November 6, 1893  
Initiated August 24, 1943  
Died April 10, 1956

### Fred Eberle, L. U. No. 9

Born January 19, 1893  
Initiated December 12, 1937  
Died April 24, 1956

### Thomas F. Healey, L. U. No. 9

Born March 5, 1879  
Initiated December 28, 1912  
in L. U. No. 1392  
Died April 19, 1956

### Oscar Knaack, L. U. No. 9

Born May 2, 1878  
Initiated June 6, 1911  
in L. U. No. 49  
Died April 22, 1956

### George E. Ellicott, L. U. No. 11

Born September 25, 1891  
Initiated March 13, 1919  
Died April 22, 1956

### Guy L. Nixon, L. U. No. 11

Born June 28, 1895  
Initiated February 28, 1944  
Died January 18, 1956

### John E. Backlund, L. U. No. 18

Born April 13, 1913  
Initiated February 1, 1948  
Died April 16, 1956

### Dewey Brenzikofer, L. U. No. 18

Born August 28, 1896  
Initiated February 10, 1938  
Died April 4, 1956

### Warren McGill, L. U. No. 18

Born January 5, 1894  
Initiated August 2, 1955  
Died April 15, 1956

### Alfredo E. Saenz, L. U. No. 18

Born March 12, 1927  
Initiated April 9, 1953  
Died April 5, 1956

### Clifford L. Higgins, L. U. No. 28

Born April 17, 1875  
Initiated August 20, 1899  
in L. U. No. 31  
Died June 3, 1956

### John Bly, L. U. No. 41

Born September 21, 1895  
Reinitiated February 6, 1945  
Died April 17, 1956

### Arthur Whitney, L. U. No. 41

Born June 19, 1880  
Initiated May 7, 1912  
Died May 3, 1956

### John W. Belford, L. U. No. 46

Born April 24, 1931  
Initiated January 25, 1951  
Died February 8, 1956

### John W. Grove, L. U. No. 46

Born May 14, 1880  
Initiated August 14, 1917  
Died April 28, 1956

### Clifford Hansen, L. U. No. 46

Born June 26, 1902  
Initiated August 11, 1936  
Died March 22, 1956

### F. G. Herthneck, L. U. No. 46

Born March 4, 1882  
Initiated September 10, 1929  
Died April 27, 1956

### James William Longan, L. U. No. 46

Born July 3, 1888  
Initiated April 14, 1943  
Died February 8, 1956

### Ralph W. Smith, L. U. No. 46

Born July 12, 1902  
Initiated August 12, 1942  
Died February 23, 1956

### Albert L. Alston, L. U. No. 59

Born October 11, 1889  
Initiated September 19, 1907  
Died April 10, 1956

### Ben J. Helms, L. U. No. 84

Born November 16, 1887  
Initiated March 21, 1939  
Died December 23, 1955

### Walter E. Washburn, L. U. No. 84

Born March 21, 1900  
Initiated April 7, 1936  
Died January 26, 1956

### Charles W. Wagner, L. U. No. 110

Born June 16, 1895  
Initiated March 30, 1937  
Died May 3, 1956

### Roderick D. Smith, L. U. No. 160

Born August 5, 1893  
Initiated March 27, 1937  
Died April 22, 1956

### Percy A. Libby, L. U. No. 333

Born February 29, 1892  
Reinitiated June 18, 1937  
Died April 29, 1956

### Harry McKenzie, L. U. No. 333

Born May 2, 1884  
Initiated April 7, 1939  
Died January 22, 1956

### A. G. Griffin, Jr., L. U. No. 349

Born December 22, 1899  
Initiated April 17, 1936  
Died March 3, 1956

### S. F. Jackson, L. U. No. 349

Born April 4, 1892  
Initiated August 3, 1916  
in L. U. No. 108  
Died May 2, 1956

### John O. Ziegler, L. U. No. 349

Born December 24, 1927  
Initiated August 6, 1948  
Died May 4, 1956

### Herbie B. Merrill, L. U. No. 369

Born December 27, 1902  
Initiated April 28, 1941  
Died May 4, 1956

### Edward A. McLean, L. U. No. 465

Born June 5, 1879  
Initiated March 9, 1916  
Died April 19, 1956

### Guy E. Tice, L. U. No. 465

Born October 18, 1896  
Reinitiated October 9, 1941  
Died April, 1956

### L. P. Desimone, L. U. No. 595

Born November 26, 1869  
Initiated July 9, 1902  
Died May 3, 1956

### A. C. Platt, L. U. No. 595

Born July 8, 1874  
Initiated July 17, 1905  
Died April 28, 1956

### Gustave Schuch, L. U. No. 702

Born March 20, 1885  
Initiated May 25, 1938  
Died May 3, 1956

### H. N. Sexton, L. U. No. 835

Born June 11, 1899  
Initiated July 31, 1941  
Died March 29, 1956

### Edward Przebowksi, L. U. No. 1049

Born May 6, 1933  
Initiated March 23, 1954  
Died May 8, 1956

### Harry E. Ayres, L. U. No. 1115

Born 1892  
Initiated December 1, 1935  
Died April 25, 1956

### Wade F. Hicks, L. U. No. 1141

Born November 9, 1887  
Initiated July 5, 1923  
Died May 7, 1956

### Alvin Weaver, L. U. No. 1239

Initiated July 18, 1941  
Died April, 1956

### Ernest Weaver, L. U. No. 1239

Initiated December 11, 1940  
Died May, 1956

### Ward Addison Boorum, L. U. No. 1245

Born February 4, 1897  
Initiated November 1, 1950  
Died April 30, 1956

### Robert L. Lienau, L. U. No. 1245

Born March 21, 1900  
Initiated February 1, 1946  
Died March 22, 1956

### Walter F. Pennell, L. U. No. 1249

Born August 6, 1898  
Initiated October 28, 1948  
Died April 24, 1956

### William J. Burke, L. U. No. 1267

Born December 22, 1910  
Initiated May 31, 1952  
Died April 30, 1956

### Richard M. Nolan, L. U. No. 1368

Born December 15, 1899  
Initiated October 13, 1943  
Died May 1, 1956

### Barrie H. Shay, L. U. No. 1368

Born May 3, 1897  
Initiated October 13, 1943  
Died May, 1956

### George H. Hoskins, L. U. No. 1505

Born December 6, 1880  
Initiated May 1, 1946  
Died December 4, 1955

## THE CRAFTSMAN

Arrayed in simple garment, he trudges on his way,  
With a lunch pail in his hand to start the weary day,  
His simple code of ethics he can truthfully attest,  
Is to give an honest day of work and always do his best.

From sun to sun he labors with unabated will,  
To give the world the benefit and profit of his skill,  
Possessed with ingenuity from whence all dreams are spun,  
He pursues his task with fervor, until the job is done.

Though his work is fraught with danger, he emerges without glory,  
While his soiled and calloused fingers tell their own vivid story,  
He's a rugged individual and it's hard to understand,  
That the modest little craftsman is the backbone of the land.

HENRY H. VOCKE,  
L. U. 131,  
Chicago, Ill.

## THREADBARE

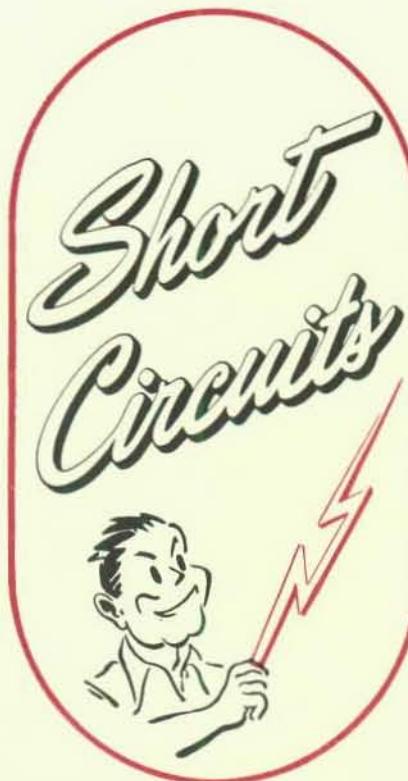
"John, dear, it says in the paper that the average woman has a vocabulary of only 500 words."

"It's certainly a small number, my love, but think of the turnover!"

## A DREAM

I'll see you standing there again, someday,  
Just like before you went away,  
I'll hear your laugh again,  
And feel your fond embrace,  
Your tender kiss, upon my face,  
And then we'll smile again,  
Just like we did before,  
We'll walk hand and hand again,  
To be happy forevermore.

ANTHONY BRUNO,  
L. U. 3  
New York, N. Y.



## STRAW BOSS

(A Definition)

The workmen believe he's the boss's yes-man,  
The foreman thinks he's his crew's care-man,  
The one who can please them all is a rare man;  
The "straw boss" preferred by the average layman,  
Is not a "snapper" nor a loud-mouthed "hey"-man,  
But a smiling, efficient and considerate fair man!

A Bit O' Luck,  
ANN GLICK,  
L. U. 3  
New York, N. Y.

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NEW ADDRESS.....			
City.....	Zone.....	State.....	
PRESENT LOCAL UNION NO. ....			
CARD NO. ....	(If unknown - check with Local Union)		
OLD ADDRESS.....	City.....	Zone.....	State.....
FORMER LOCAL UNION NUMBER.....			

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED LOCAL UNIONS - WE MUST HAVE NUMBERS OF BOTH

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1200 15th Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C.

## TRIBUTE

Our E. W. Journal is very fine,  
We enjoy news of locals, yours and mine,  
Editorials—conventions—this and that,  
News of negotiations and large contracts.

Then we turn (for a chuckle) to SHORT CIRCUITS

To jokes about adults and little squirts  
We scan the page and then we CLICK  
Sure enough—there's one from old  
ABE GLICK

A Bit O' Luck Abe from L. U. 3

Provides a bit of sunshine for you and me,

What he does for a living I wouldn't know

But his wit and his pen sure aren't slow,

Or else in his job he has nothing to do  
(More time wasted on this and I'll be in the stew)

If he was a STUMP JUMPER he wouldn't have time  
A WIRE JERKER couldn't be caught making RHYME

But my thanks to the Brothers who pen those lines,

I've wanted to contribute—time after time.

Keep 'em coming—without them we'd be at a loss

So long, gotta GO (here comes the boss!)

"Lotta Luck (all bad)"

FRANK E. WEBER,

L. U. 1

St. Louis, Mo.

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## HELL CATCH SOMETHING

A boy who, instead of going to school had gone fishing, on his way home met one of his school chums. Seeing that the boy was carrying a fishing line, the chum asked:

"Catch anything?"

"No," replied the boy, "I hain't been home yet."

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## "OLD LINEMEN NEVER DIE"

Sitting here thinking back,  
when times were good, and I was making jack.

I've picked her up and slacked 'er back, from Rock Island to Kodiak.

I drove the truck and kept the time and often made that extra climb.

I've cut-on, cut off, cut over and cut out and down  
I've worked her hot, cold, with sticks and gloves,

But all those things go with time,  
Right now, I'm on unemployment, working in my own back yard on my clothes line.

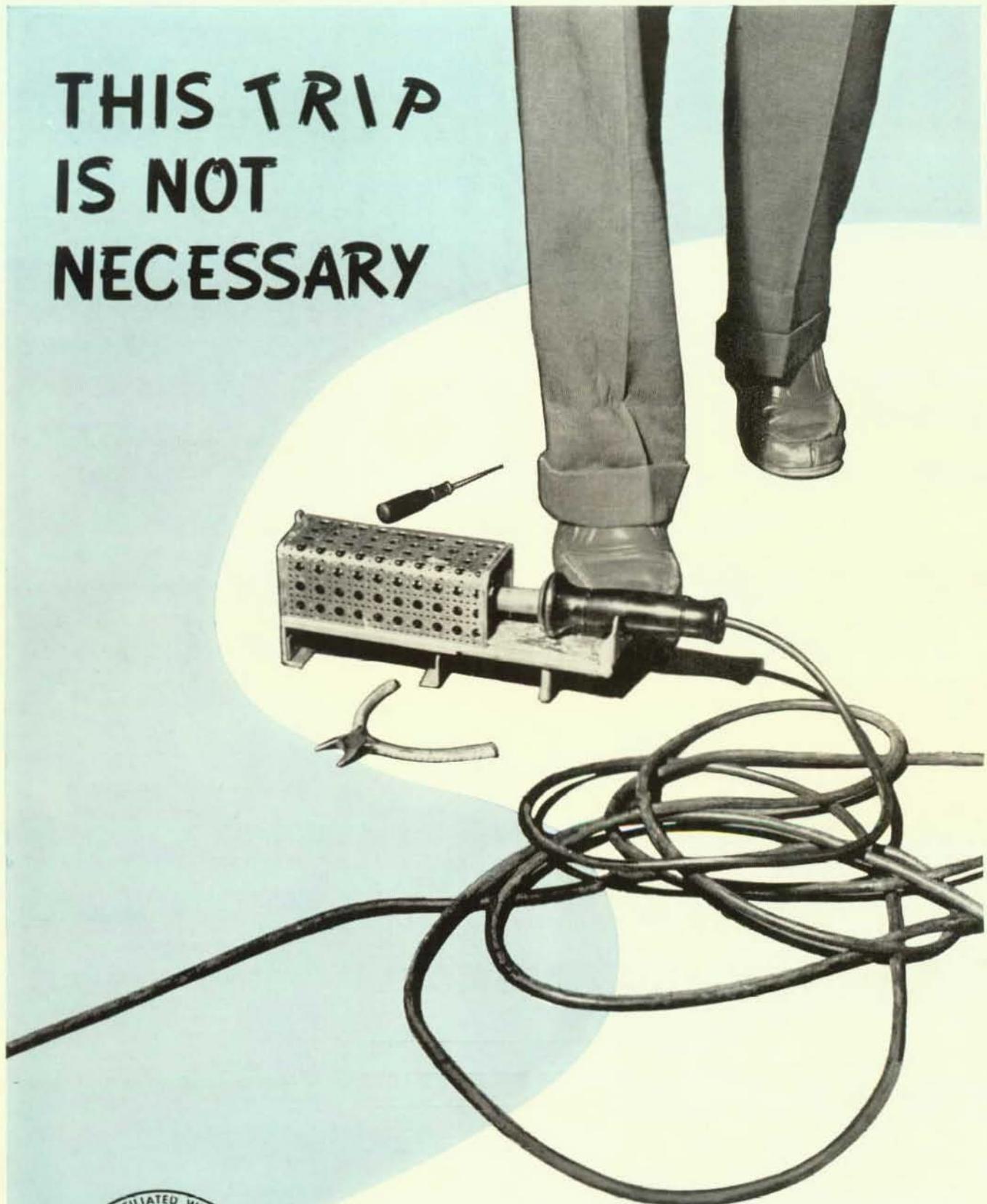
MARVIN RICHEY,

(The Scissorbill)

L. U. 71

Cleveland, Ohio.

# THIS TRIP IS NOT NECESSARY



**DON'T LEAVE TOOLS  
IN WALKING AREAS**